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The Auld Enemy go into battle, again . . . here's action from last year's Hampden clash as Scotland's Joe Jordan and England's Dave Watson challenge for a high ball.



Forest's European Cup heroes in Cologne — goalscorer Ian Bowyer and goalkeeper Peter Shilton.

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ENGLAND V

HE PREFERS not to admit it these days but Denis Law's contempt for England was once so strong he couldn't even bring himself to watch on that historic day in 1966 when "the enemy" became World Champions.

"Yes, it's true," Denis recalls with a smile. "I wanted to be as far away from a television screen as possible, so I went home to Scotland and played golf with a pal."

In his present-day role as a neutral observer for BBC Radio Sport Denis is much less fanatical, but still confesses with that famous cheeky grin he wouldn't be "too upset" if England were to lose at Wembley on May 26th.

"It's always been the game that

used to let themselves down a few years back. We could see no farther than the England game — and the fans and the media in Scotland were just as bad.

"I remember going to Wembley in 1967. The previous year, England had won the World Cup and hadn't lost a game since. Well, I scored our first goal, Jim McCalliog and Bobby Lennox got the others, and we won 3-2. Immediately, we were hailed as World Champions back home in Scotland and the whole team was 'immortalised'.

"Ten days later, we played Russia at Hampden Park and lost 2-0. We were virtually booed off the pitch and the media said the team must be broken up, that

'England will make it hard for Scotland'

— DENIS LAW

really matters to Scotsmen," said Denis. "In my playing days the feeling we had towards England was near enough hatred. It's still a vital game, of course, but it's no longer the be all and end all.

"In the last ten years, the World Cup and the European Championship have become so important, with so much money involved, that the present-day Scotland players realise beating England doesn't make them the best team in the world, and losing to them doesn't mean it's the end of the world.

"I think that's where Scotsmen

IT'S WAR NOT SOCCER!

WHEN it comes to passionate rivalry between two national sides, there is hardly a contest in the world to compare with games between England and Scotland.

Whether the British Championship matches are played in Glasgow or London they are guaranteed to draw capacity audiences.

Scotland's fans make a habit of winning the traditional exchange of warring chants and songs on the terraces, and they also steal the

such-and-such a player had to go. All that in the space of just ten days!"

Denis has no hesitation in picking that 1967 Wembley win — it was a European Championship tie as well — as his finest memory of Scotland-England clashes . . . and he also has no doubts about his worst-ever memory.

"It has to be another Wembley match — in 1961 when we lost 9-3. I know it sounds crazy now, but at one stage we had England going. We'd pulled them back from a 3-0 lead to 3-2, and I really fancied our chances. Then Bryan Douglas scored a 'soft' goal from a free-kick and England had the impetus again." His funniest recollection?

"Wembley again — in 1965. Nobby Stiles, my team-mate at Manchester United, was making his England debut and didn't really know what these matches were all about. As both

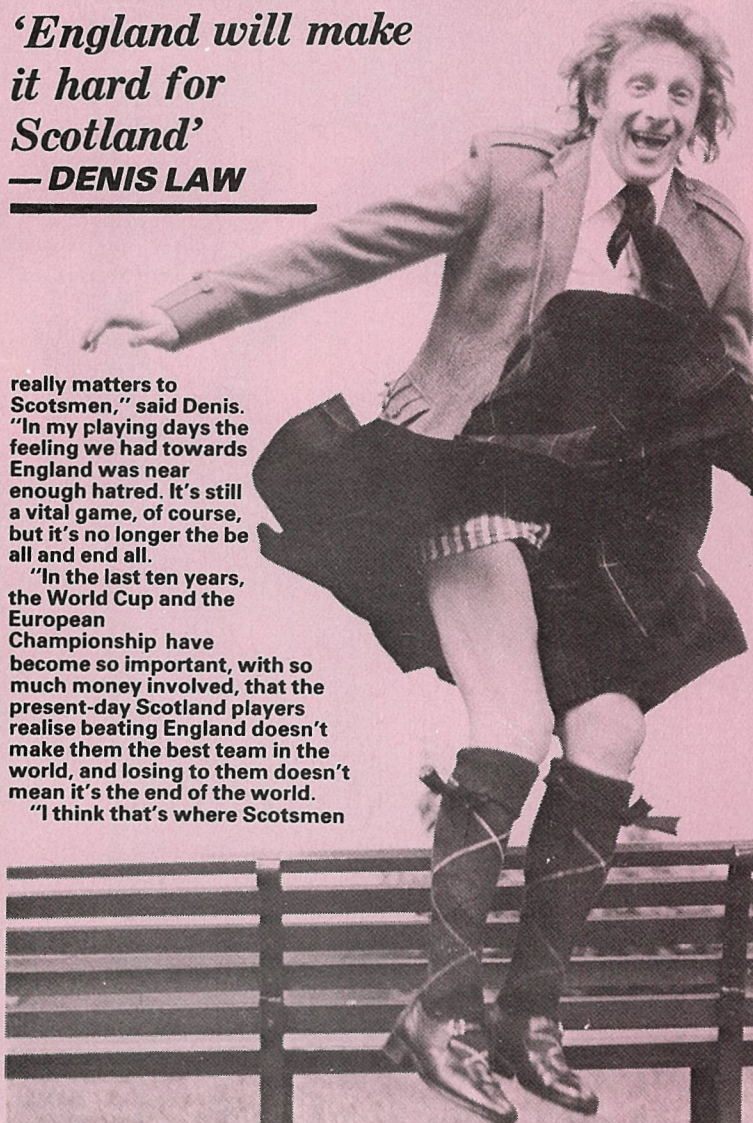
teams stood in the tunnel, waiting to go out, Nobby was chatting away to me: 'Nice to see you, Denis. Have a good game. All the best.' I just looked the other way.

"Mind you, it didn't take Nobby long to get the message. After ten minutes, he was kicking me all over the park!"

Denis will be at Wembley again this year — in the commentary box — and says this: "I always feel Scotland play better, more controlled football at Wembley. The fanatical crowd at Hampden Park always makes them go a bit wild.

"But England have a settled, confident side and Scotland, under new manager Jock Stein, are still looking for the right blend, so it will be difficult.

"Whatever happens, though, let me appeal to Scotsmen everywhere to get this match in the right perspective. Playing England will always be a great event, but the European Championship match against Norway in June is a hundred times more important."



Ooops! Denis Law's slip is showing.

Law (right) celebrates a goal he scored for Scotland against England at Wembley.



SCOTTLAND?

unofficial title for wearing the most outrageous costumes.

But the matches themselves have been more evenly balanced since the first Championship game was played in 1872. That one was drawn but since then Scotland have won 38 times and England 36.

Jock Stein's appointment as national manager heralds a new era for Scotland after their disappointing showing in the World Cup.

But first they must overcome England at Wembley on Saturday, May 26th.

Denis Law, former Scotland and Manchester United striker, and Alan Ball, Southampton's former England star, set the scene based on their experiences in many annual clashes between the two soccer giants . . .

ALAN Ball saw plenty of the Scots in ten years of international football for England.

And it was the attitude of the Scottish fans and players that made it such an important fixture, according to the Southampton midfielder star.

Says Ball: "You would have thought it was the biggest game they had ever played when they faced England. They wanted to beat us more than anything else."

"Naturally, that rubbed off on us, though we didn't regard playing Scotland as more important than a game against someone like Brazil, or a World Cup game."

"I suppose the Scots were keener to beat us because England have been the most successful side over the years."

The Scots make so much of the game that there is always more atmosphere at England-Scotland matches than any other clash between British sides.

But Ball reckons their fanaticism worked against them. "They were so desperate to beat us it drove us into the frame of mind where we were a lot more determined too."

"There was no way we were going to give them the satisfaction of letting them beat us, if we could help it. We didn't want them crowing for weeks afterwards."

"They didn't beat us too many times when I was playing for England and when they did, they always made a big fuss about it."

The English players were also fired, says Ball, by the hysterical support of the Scottish fans, especially when the game was played at Hampden Park, Glasgow.

"The Scottish supporters gave us a lot of abuse over the years and you can only take so much of that. The only way we could get back at them was to beat their team. That's why it was particularly satisfying to win up there."

Ball is never more dangerous

than when he is riled. And he had a tremendous record for England in the matches against them. "I wasn't on the losing side at Hampden in ten years of playing for my country, so I was pretty proud of that."

Some English players have become almost as nationalistic as

the Scots because of the rivalry between the teams.

Mike Channon is one who never hid his dislike of the Scots. But mostly, says Ball, the feeling between the teams didn't permeate on to the pitch.

"They were always hard fought games, as you would expect. But there wasn't a lot of personal rivalry. Just the normal competitiveness that you get in any big game."

"You wouldn't get any animosity at club level between English and Scottish players, either. It was just something that fired you on the day — and even then, the players wouldn't hold grudges afterwards. At least, not most of them."

"They would have a drink together afterwards, just like you would with opposing players after any match."

It's often reckoned there is a basic difference in style between the English and Scottish games. From his experiences, Ball would go along with that.

"In the games I played in, we were always much more of a team than them. They always had good individual players but weren't necessarily a good blend."

"To put it bluntly, they always looked as though they'd just been chucked together, whereas we had a style and played as a unit. From the results, I must say that we had the better system."

Ball has always been a player who performs well in the big matches, which is why he enjoyed so many successes against the Scots. And feeling as he does, that he ought still to be playing for his country, he'd love to be stepping out at Wembley again for the game on May 26.

But he'll still be taking a closer interest than most, and expecting England to win again.

"If the Scots treated it just like any other match, they might have won more games against us over the years. But their hostile attitude has brought the best out of the England players."

The game Ball remembers most fondly is England's 5-1 thrashing of Scotland in 1975.

That cracking performance gave England the title. But it has even more significance for Ball. It was the last time he wore the England shirt. Even though he would love to have worn it again since, he treasures that memory of his 72nd and final international appearance.

'England's players rise to Scottish hostility'
— ALAN BALL



'WHEN CLUB-MATES BECOME ENEMIES'

MAY 26th and 30th are two dates that, at the start of the season, I hoped would form more magical milestones in my career. The first sees the annual climax to the British Championship, between England and Scotland; and the second the final of the European Cup.

I'm virtually assured of being between the sticks for England at Wembley, ironically because my main rival, Peter Shilton, will be playing for Nottingham Forest four days later in Munich.

As you probably know, it was last season's Champions Forest who put a stop to Liverpool's bid to win the European Cup three times in a row, in the First Round.

England manager Ron Greenwood announced before the start of the British Championship he would not interfere with Forest manager Brian Clough's preparations for his team's greatest challenge by including any of the players in our international squad.

So, although I've missed a third Final appearance, I should, providing I'm injury-free, gain a place against Scotland at Wembley. On their last visit, the Scots won 2-1, and naturally we're out for revenge.

Many Scottish supporters save for two years — I've heard of clubs up there where members contribute 50p a week towards the cost of travel and hotels — to come to London to cheer on their team against the "old enemy".

There's no doubt they are more fanatical than their English counterparts, but there is also the added attraction of spending a weekend in London, with all its various entertainments and places to visit.

They almost take over our capital city. Certainly at Wembley they seem to outnumber our fans by three to one. And they bring their "Hampden Roar" with them!

Rivalry between the players is intense. All season team-mates rib each other good humouredly, but when it comes to the game itself, club dressing-room friendships

count for nothing. It's Englishman versus Scotsman — and may the best man win.

All four Scots at Anfield in the first team look likely to play for their country.

Alan Hansen has figured increasingly in Liverpool's attacking moves. He's dangerous at set-pieces, particularly corners. I'm sure I won't offend anyone if I nominate him as the most improved player at Anfield.

Graeme Souness, outstanding in the only game he played for Scotland in Argentina, when they beat Holland 3-2, is a master of the accurate pass, short and long.

Our recent £300,000 buy from St. Mirren, Frank McGarvey, is also in the squad.

Kenny Dalglish is the one we'll have to watch out for most, though, for his ability to appear suddenly in a menacing position without a second's warning. Kenny has had a marvellous season, acknowledged by the nation's writers when they picked him as their "Footballer of the Year" after the players themselves had snubbed him by not even placing him in their first six.

Prominent

I've some agonising memories of England's games against Scotland, and Kenny figures in the two most prominent. The first occasion was the 1976 clash at Hampden Park, and the Kenny I faced then was already a star with Celtic.

We were leading 1-0 when Don Masson equalised with one of his rare headers. Then, only minutes after the re-start, Kenny got the ball around eight yards away from me, failed to connect properly, and his weak shot went through my legs.

It was the winner — and I had no one to blame but myself!

The next year, at Wembley, Scotland won by the same scoreline of 2-1 — and once again it was Dalglish who scored the eventual winner!

Gordon McQueen put the Scots in front with an unstoppable header from a free-kick in the first half, and before we could reply Dalglish

grabbed the second.

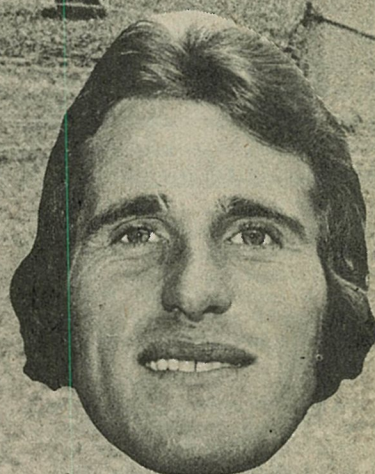
It happened this way: the ball fell to Kenny on the far post. He put in a shot which Phil Neal managed to obstruct. The ball rebounded for Kenny to get a toe to and squeeze between Phil, Emllyn Hughes and me into the net.

All three of us were his Liverpool team-mates, an illustration of the fact there's no sentiment in soccer.

To counterbalance these experiences, I can recall firstly England's resounding victory at Wembley by five glorious goals to one. It was a fine team performance with an unfortunate aftermath, for their 'keeper Stewart Kennedy's international career ended promptly.

Stewart was blamed for all the goals in some quarters, which was unfair. He should have saved a couple, but neither mistake was a bad as my clanger at Hampden.

He was a victim of the overpowering atmosphere present at these games, where so much is at stake. Once he had let in one early goal his confidence went, with the result



that instead of acting instinctively he started to think too much before acting. A fatal mistake. For by the time you decide what to do, the ball is invariably in the back of the net!

Our visit to Hampden last year was certainly something to savour. The Scots, the only home nation to qualify for the World Cup Finals in Argentina, were in the grip of

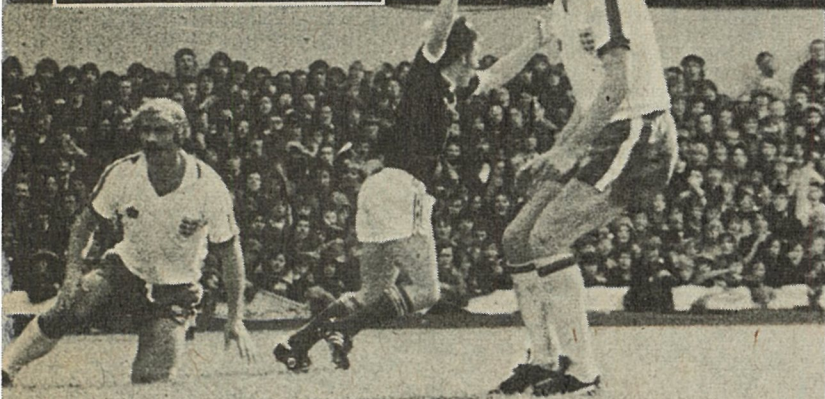
'Alan Hansen is dangerous at set-pieces'



RAY CLEMENCE

talking soccer

'Kenny Dalglish gave me an agonising experience'



tremendous national fervour and expected to climax their send-off by beating us and retaining the British Championship.

Instead we beat them 1-0 with a goal from Steve Coppell.

Unfortunately, it did little to dampen the Scots' fans feeling that all their team had to do was travel to South America, go through the formality of playing a few games, and return triumphantly with the coveted World Cup.

A more sober approach would, I'm sure, have been better preparation and ensured the Scots played to their full potential.

All credit to them for reaching the Finals in both 1974 and 1978 when England, Wales and Northern Ireland failed. If only they had curbed their over-enthusiasm, avoided a state of euphoria, they could well have achieved their aim of becoming only the second British side to capture the most prestigious trophy.

Mastermind

It's not for me to criticise the previous manager, Ally MacLeod, who, after all, did mastermind their qualification in 1978, but I feel the Scots now possess at their helm a "natural" for the job in Jock Stein.

With Celtic, Mr. Stein achieved the same stature as Bill Shankly when managing Liverpool.

Already Jock Stein has shown a preference for picking "Anglos" — Scots playing for English clubs — and this has brought some criticism from Scottish Pressmen, who would prefer a team made up entirely of home-based Scots.

They should bear in mind that much of the "cream" of Scottish football has been skimmed-off by Southern clubs, very few of which win an honour without at least one Scot in their line-up!

There's no doubt that whereas in Scotland a top player with a leading club has only to play something like eight really hard games per season, in England he'll play around 50. In such a demanding school he's bound to improve his stamina and sharpen his skills.

So I fully expect to see a large number of familiar faces from the

Football League facing me at Wembley on Saturday afternoon.

I'm hoping for more vocal support from the English fans, and that we in turn give them something to cheer by winning.

Whatever the result, the Liverpool participants will be gathering together on Sunday to fly off to Israel for a game on Monday against their national team.

This will give us another chance to study the form of their Avi Cohen, who'll be joining us for next season, after an impressive trial at Anfield during the worst period of our dreadful winter.

For the next two days we'll be relaxing in the sun and recuperating from our labours which bore fruit with a record 11th Championship win for Liverpool.

We won't return until Thursday, which could mean we'll miss seeing the TV screening of the European Cup Final between Forest and Malmo. Fingers crossed the game has gripped the imagination of the Israelis and they've managed to get it boosted to them by satellite.

I must congratulate Forest on reaching the Final, particularly after only drawing 3-3 in the first-leg of the Semi-Final against Cologne at the City Ground.

Manager Brian Clough blamed Peter Shilton for two of Cologne's goals. In Peter's defence, I point out their third goal was the result of a shot that 'keepers least expect and was helped by the uneven ground.

I knew Peter's temperament would not allow the setback to worry him. Sure enough, he made a great save from a mighty shot after Forest had gone ahead in Cologne — a save of world class and tremendous consequence.

My ex-team-mate, Larry Lloyd, should at last get his hands on a European Cup medal.

And it'll be great for our football that the European Cup remains in this country!

Ray Clemence

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Consecutive defeats

Which club has lost the highest number of consecutive games?

JAMES LAWMAN,
NEWPORT PAGNELL

● As far as Football League games go, James, it seems to be Rochdale.

In the 1931-32 season, they lost 17 Third Division (North) games on the trot.

On 7th November, 1931, Rochdale beat New Brighton 3-2 — and then failed to gain another point until drawing 1-1 with the same opponents on 9th March, 1932.

Crewe v. Spurs

Did Crewe meet Spurs in successive F.A. Cup seasons in the early 1960's?

KEITH CLARK,
MORPETH

● Yes, Keith, they did. First was in the Fourth Round in 1959-60 — when, after being held to a 2-2 draw at Crewe, Spurs romped home by a massive 13-2 in the replay.

This represented, respectively, a record victory and defeat for the two clubs.

The following season — after Crewe had gained a shock 2-1 win on Chelsea's ground in the Third Round — they were paired with Spurs again.

This time Tottenham made no mistake first-go with a 5-1 home win — and, of course, went on to become the first team to gain the "Double" in the 20th century.

Without a goal

Which Football League team has gone the longest without scoring a goal?

MALCOLM PURCHASE,
SHROPSHIRE

● Coventry take that unwelcome record, Malcolm.

After losing 1-2 at home to Leicester on 4th October, 1919, Coventry didn't score another Second Division goal until they beat Stoke 3-2 on Christmas Day.

In between, they'd played 11 League games without scoring.

Ten European goals

Is it true Manchester United once scored ten goals in a European game?

ALUN WHEELER,
MID-GLAMORGAN

● Quite true, Alun — it was a club-record 10-0 victory over Anderlecht in the European Cup on 26th September, 1956.

Dennis Viollet scored four of the goals, Tommy Taylor three, Liam Whelan two, and Johnny Berry one.

As United had already won the first-leg in Belgium 2-0, they went through to the next round on a handsome 12-0 margin.

Cup triumphs

Which club has won the F.A. Cup, and the Football League Cup, most times?

SIMON HARDY,
BIRMINGHAM

● It's your local Aston Villa in each case, Simon.

Villa have had seven F.A. Cup wins (1887, 1895, 1897, 1905, 1913, 1920, and 1957) — plus three in the League Cup (1961, 1975, and 1977).

They've also been beaten Finalists twice in each Cup.

Poland's hero

Who scored the vital Polish goal in that World Cup qualifier in which their 1-1 draw was enough to keep England out of the final stages?

NIGEL ROURKE,
CHESHIRE

● Domarski was the "villain", Nigel, in that crucial Wembley game on 17th October, 1973.

It happened dramatically in the 55th minute, when the Poles made a quick break out after constant England pressure.

Hunter missed his tackle, and Lato sped along the left flank. He swept the ball across to the right flank, where the unmarked Domarski moved to shoot the ball under Shilton's desperate dive.

Allan Clarke levelled with a penalty eight minutes later — but, as you know, Poland held out for the draw which was all they needed.

SHORT PASSES



● In the First Round of the Scottish Cup on 5th September, 1885, Arbroath beat Bon Accord 3b-0; Dundee Harp beat Aberdeen Rovers 35-0; and Queen's Park beat St. Peter's 16-0.

(RUSSELL YATES, Doncaster)

● Gerry Francis was born in Hamersmith, West London, on 6th December, 1951.

(GRAHAM BEACH, Worcester Park)

● George Best scored 137 goals in 361 League games for Manchester United.

(STUART MOORE, Swinton)

● The Football Association was formed at a meeting at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, on 26th October, 1863.

(LIN CHEE KHEONG, Malaysia)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

THE BIG MAN

ENGLAND v Scotland at Wembley is the big match for Scottish fans as they come swaggering into the capital like a Tartan colossus. Their supporters will cross oceans, Continents and minefields to cheer on their heroes.

They come cascading across the border in every conceivable manner. If a fan chose to drop into Wembley by hot air balloon it would hardly raise an eyebrow.

The streets back home in Scotland are deserted. They look as empty as a street in 'High Noon' with Gary Cooper left to face the bad guys. Little old women, who probably can't tell the difference between a football and a rugby ball, drape themselves in tartan waiting for the kick-off on television.

Soccer fever really takes over. Wembley is special to every Scot. You get the impression if there was life on the moon little green men would be swapping stories about Scottish fans and their antics at Wembley.

Amid this incredible atmosphere there is one man who is seemingly unaffected and yet he is the man in the thick of the action... Scottish boss Jock Stein, looking forward to his first match at Wembley as a manager.

The Big Man is a cool customer. He knows what victory in this fixture means to his fellow-countrymen, but he is not losing sight of his long term objectives.

"We've got to play down the importance of beating England in this match," he says. "A lot of Scots believe the team has been successful if they win this one."

Firm but fair

"However, we must get our priorities right. It would be nice to win, of course, but it is not the be all and end all. Not by a long way."

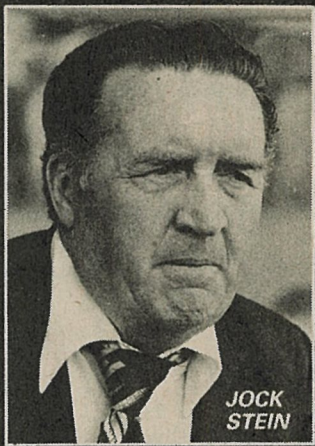
Stein's attitude is absolutely correct. Mistakes in his career have been rare. He is a manager the players look up to and respect. They know he is firm, but fair and will treat them like adults.

But, as Stein has said firmly in the past, he will stand for no nonsense. There is unlikely to be a burst of shattering publicity if a Scottish player steps out of line. His name will simply vanish from the international arena.

Wembley has an atmosphere of its own when Scotland meet England. It can be overwhelming and it has wrecked a few international careers, but Stein will be watching and learning again on Saturday.

When he took the job at last during the season he said there and then that building a side for 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain was his main target. Win, lose or draw at Wembley, Stein will not be sidetracked.

"I want to see something emerging in our play," he says. "I want to see a pattern. I'd like all the players to concentrate on building their game rather than just hitting a



JOCK STEIN

Scotland goalkeeper Alan Rough still maintains he was unfairly challenged by Trevor Francis prior to Steve Coppell scoring the only goal of the game.



'We tend to give the ball away on too many occasions'

long ball for the forwards to chase and fight for.

"We tend to give the ball away on far too many occasions. That must be altered, obviously."

Stein is meticulous in his planning. He is a great motivator who will not ask a player to do something that is beyond his capabilities. Every Scot who takes the field at Wembley will know

exactly and precisely what his duty will be that afternoon.

There will be no doubts. Stein will have drummed it into every single player what he expects of them. That's the way he operates and that is why he is respected throughout the world.

Kenny Dalglish should take his place against England. Only injury would surely rule him out. Stein, of

course, brought Dalglish along in his career at Parkhead. With his usual thoroughness, the then Celtic supremo selected the matches in which he thought Dalglish could slot in and gain confidence.

That guidance has helped Dalglish become a genuine superstar in a day and age when the phrase "world class" is grossly overworked and wildly misused.

"He would have been my Player of the Year in England," says Stein with bold frankness. "It is often said he doesn't produce his best for Scotland, but some people tend to look for far too much from him."

"Remember, though, the amount of goals he has scored for his country. Kenny has scored more than any other Scot still playing today."

Dalglish will be a menace to England at Wembley. He has played there several times now — three times already for his country and three times for Liverpool, in the European Cup Final, the League Cup Final and the F.A. Charity Shield match.

Ray Clemence will, of course, have to keep a careful watch on his Anfield team-mate who already has the rare distinction of scoring winning goals for Scotland against him in consecutive international matches.

The first came in '76 when Dalglish picked up a left wing pass from Joe Jordan, seemed to lose his chance, managed to squeeze in a shot and Clemence looked aghast as the ball slithered between his hands and then his legs and barely crossed the line. That was Scotland's second goal in a 2-1 win.

A year later it happened again. Willie Johnston hammered over a left wing cross, Bruce Rioch headed it neatly back, Lou Macari dummied and Dalglish followed up to fire in a shot which was blocked. The ball rebounded to him and in an almighty scramble he poked it past the despairing Clemence. That, too, proved to be the winning goal in a 2-1 victory.

Dalglish is aware of the critics, who are only too happy to sound off when he has a below par international performance. He says logically: "Four managers have picked me for my country... they can't all be wrong!"

Those four managers, by the way, are Tommy Docherty, Willie Ormond, Ally MacLeod and, of course, Jock Stein.

So, Dalglish will play his part, but Stein, as always, is keeping everyone in the dark about the other players who will face the English on Saturday. He will be looking for the right blend, the correct formula. He will want to see players forgetting the emotion that runs high in this fixture and can lead a player into thinking with his heart instead of his head.

With Stein preferring a build up throughout the team that could mean he may well go for the

Plays down THE BIG MATCH

'Kenny Dalglish has scored more goals than any other Scot still playing'



astute ability of Dalglish's Liverpool team-mate Alan Hansen in the heart of the defence rather than Manchester United's giant Gordon McQueen.

"Wembley is different class," admits Hansen. "When I played in the European Cup Final against Bruges last year I could hardly believe it. Honestly, it was like a dream."

And what about the prospect of facing England? Hansen will have to admit that would be "different class" again if he was given the nod by Stein.

It seems likely the Scots boss will again rely heavily on his Anglos and he says: "There may not be so many good players in Scotland as there used to be, yet we still have some promising youngsters coming up through the ranks."

One youngster to make an impression in Scottish soccer is Frank McGarvey, the talented St. Mirren striker who persuaded Liverpool into parting with £300,000 for his services earlier this month.

He may be too young and inexperienced for a Wembley place yet, but Stein has a habit of confusing his rivals and he has never been afraid to give youth its chance in the past.

Certainly without the talents of

ABOVE... Four managers have picked Kenny Dalglish (above, left) for the Scotland team.

RIGHT... Billy Wright (white shirt) leads England out against Scotland in 1955. England won 7-2.

Willie Johnston — banned — and Nottingham Forest's John Robertson on the left flank Stein could be looking for a player to fit this role and McGarvey, while not being an out-and-out left-winger, could still fit the position.

Will Partick Thistle's much-maligned Alan Rough, David Harvey of Leeds, or Everton's highly-rated George Wood face England? Again there is a lot of speculation about the ability of these players when it comes to the big-time.

Rough was blamed in some quarters for the goal that gave England a victory at Hampden last season when he failed to clear a cross from Peter Barnes and the ball broke nicely for Steve Coppell to whack into the roof of the net.

"I still maintain I was illegally challenged by Trevor Francis that day," says Rough. "He did enough just to put me off balance and I

couldn't connect with the crossball properly.

"Of course I would love to play again at Wembley. Who wouldn't? I'll never forget our 2-1 victory there two years ago. That meant a lot to me. I had heard English critics say they thought I was the weak link in the Scottish team and I wanted to prove them wrong. I thought I had a fair game."

It was Rough, in fact, who calmed the nerves of his so-called more experienced team-mates during the early moments of that Wembley match when he tipped over a scorching header from Brian Greenhoff in immaculate style.

When Mike Channon scored with England's penalty two minutes from time it was the first and only time Rough was beaten in the British Championship that season.

Whoever wears that yellow

Scottish goalkeeper's jersey on Saturday, the English forwards will know they won't be getting it easy. Rough and Wood are both first class keepers.

Stein will not be drawn into the controversy that often surrounds Rough on the pitch, but obviously he thinks highly of the player otherwise he would never even have contemplated naming him in

his squad in the first place.

So, the scene is set for another epic battle of soccer's bitterest enemies. There can be little denying the fact English players love beating Scotland just as much as the Scots love beating their counterparts.

After all, wasn't it Mike Channon who said: "The only good thing about Scotland is the road leading to England."

The Scottish fans, of course, will play their part in this soccer spectacular. Resident Londoners, used to sharing a city with punk rockers and other oddities, seem to be baffled by their near neighbours.

They have probably heard the story of the Scottish fan who actually sent a telegram to a Chief of Police of a foreign country. For safety measures this particular country had dug a moat around the pitch and filled it with reptiles to keep the supporters off the field.

It failed, but the fan appreciated the lawman's efforts. "Thank you for the alligators," read the telegram. "They were delicious."

The stories flourish in the retelling. The Londoners have also probably heard about the Scots fan, desperate to see the Wembley game, who had to travel down the motorway on a wheelchair. The police didn't like it. They fined him for speeding!

Stein smiles at these stories and he realises the immense passion that is rampant when the Scots come pouring South. Other managers before him have been caught up in the excitement and it has severely interfered with their better judgment.

The Big Man can also appreciate the logic that goes behind a story told about the fan who had just watched Scotland walloped 7-2 at Wembley in 1955, but, on hearing there was a national newspaper strike, brightened up and said: "Thank God... maybe no one will get to hear the result!"

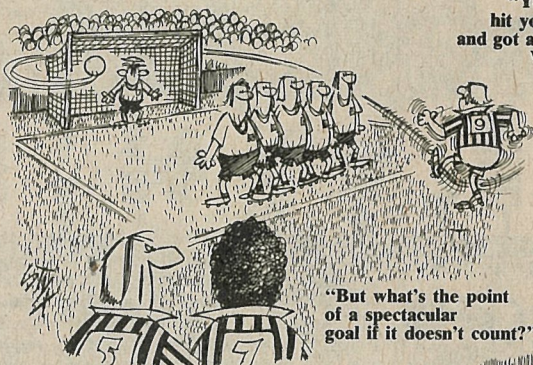
Well, it's seconds out for round 97 in the annual battle of the "auld enemies". So far the Scots have claimed 38 victories with England winning 36. There have been 22 draws.

There's a tidal wave of euphoria around at the moment, but Scotland will be going into this match with a more professional and thorough attitude. The fans can have the fun, but Stein has set his sights firmly on Spain and the ultimate prize... the World Cup in three years time.

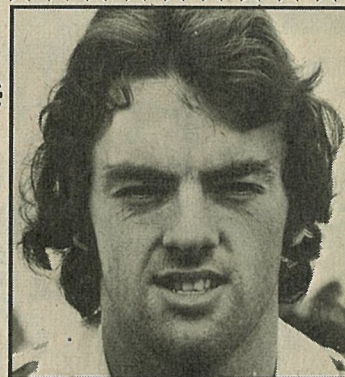
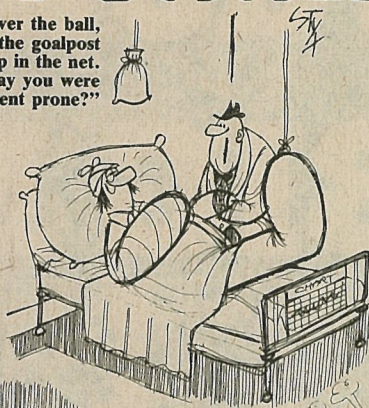
He won't get lost in the Wembley wonderland. The Scots fans must hope that their heroes do likewise!

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"You tripped over the ball, hit your head on the goalpost and got an arm tied up in the net. Would you say you were accident prone?"



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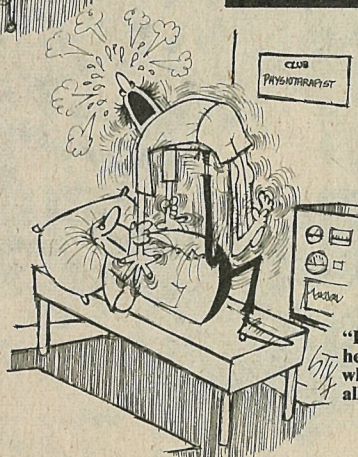
This week Ipswich Town's JOHN WARK selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"Watch out for their dirty right-back. If he comes at you, accidentally hack him down"



"It's all right for you, mate, you get paid to watch them"

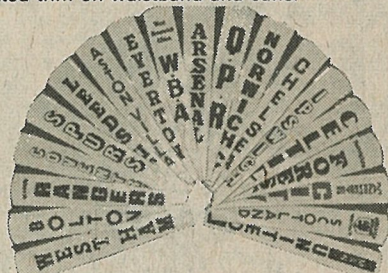


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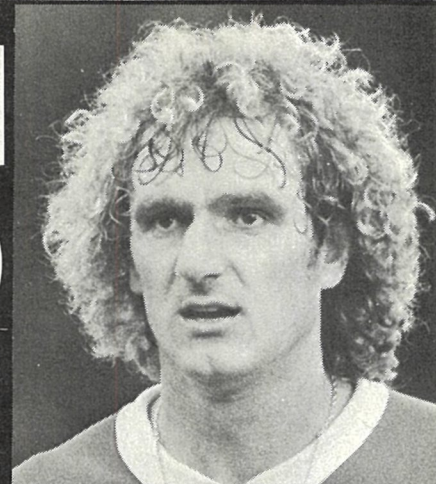
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'ALAN HANSEN HAS NO WEAKNESS'



WHEN it comes to central defensive partnerships, they do not come much better, tighter or more consistent than Liverpool's Phil Thompson and Alan Hansen.

As Anfield celebrated Liverpool's 11th Football League Championship, the two young men who forged the impassable blockade that frustrated and shut out the best strikers in the land allowed themselves the luxury of a little victory jig.

They have come a long and impressive way since a warm Wembley night on May 10th last year when their combined talents helped ensure Liverpool retained the European Cup, won in Rome in 1977. That night, a Kenny Dalglish goal sank Belgian Champions FC Bruges in front of 100,000 people. But the unexpectedly swift under-

standing which developed between Thompson and Hansen did as much to foil the cunning Belgian counter-thrusts as Dalglish's goal did to secure the trophy.

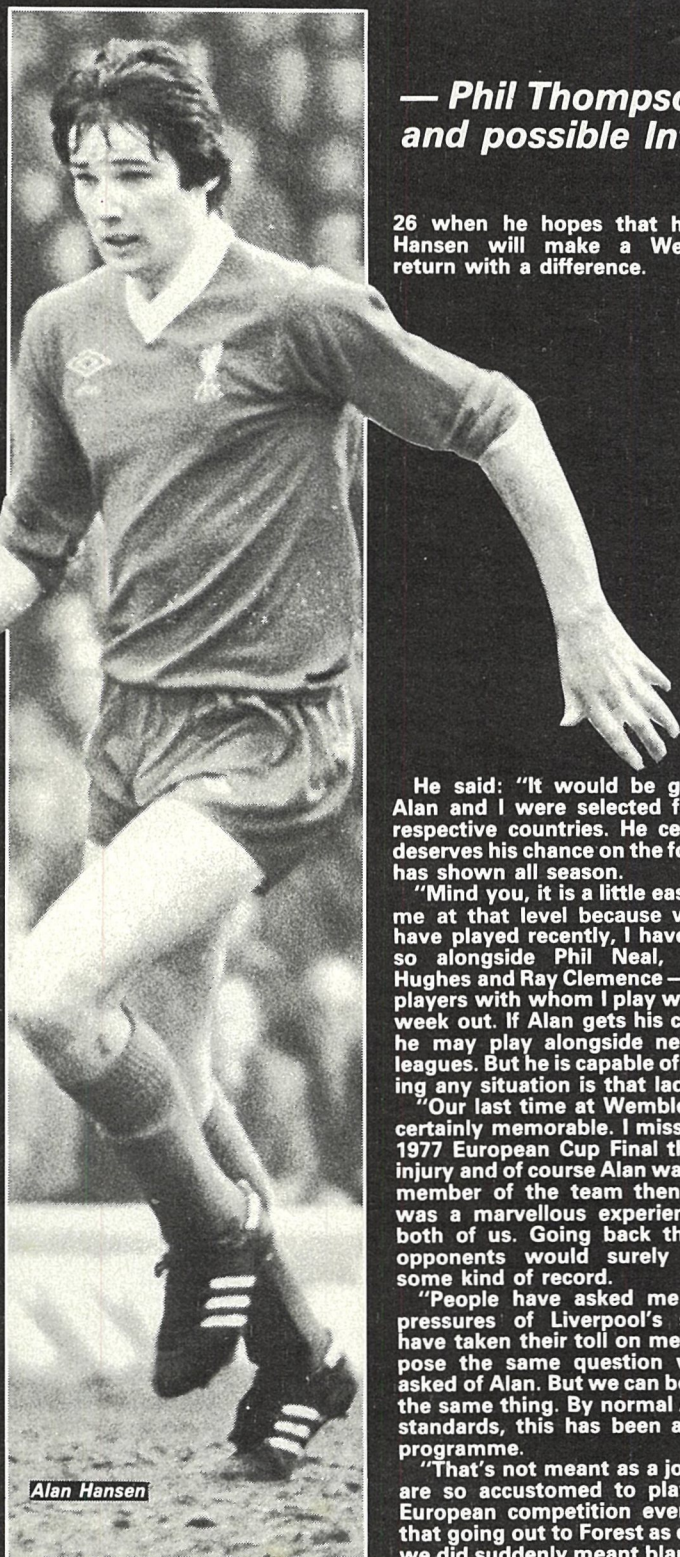
It is somewhat ironic, therefore, that the next time Thompson and Hansen may play at Wembley it could be as opponents.

And it is indicative of how much the oft-maligned modern player still values international recognition that Liverpool's young defenders, already intoxicated with undiluted domestic success, retain their appetite in anticipation of England's clash with Scotland on Saturday (May 26).

Ever since Scotland manager Jock Stein included Hansen in his European Championship squad, to the exclusion of Manchester United's Gordon McQueen, the dark-haired Scot has kept fingers crossed and lips firmly sealed.

But his form and Franz Beckenbauer-style of play have earned Hansen deserved plaudits on both sides of the border. Despite McQueen's recall to the squad, the international arrival of Alan Hansen is close at hand.

Thompson, whose England cap-haul now reads in the double-figure column, looks the likely candidate for a settled place at the heart of his country's defence. A witty and astute Liverpoolian, Thompson looks forward to May



Alan Hansen

— Phil Thompson on his team-mate and possible International rival

26 when he hopes that he and Hansen will make a Wembley return with a difference.

week nights we've not had for a long, long time. And we went out of the League Cup at Sheffield United at the first hurdle, so we are fresh and ready for the British Championship if wanted.

"People who have watched Alan play don't need me to sing his praises. He is a talented young player with a great future. He has come into the Liverpool team and settled down without fuss as we maintained our drive for consistent success.

"Alan and I know just about all there is to know about each other's style and method. Playing side by side, that's natural.

"But the biggest compliment I can pay him is that if we do line up at opposite ends on May 26, I cannot think of a weakness in his game that I could pass on to England's forwards."

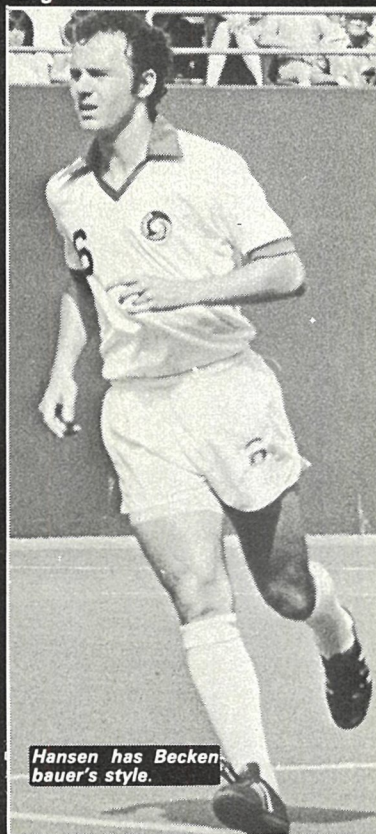
He said: "It would be great if Alan and I were selected for our respective countries. He certainly deserves his chance on the form he has shown all season.

"Mind you, it is a little easier for me at that level because when I have played recently, I have done so alongside Phil Neal, Emlyn Hughes and Ray Clemence — three players with whom I play week in, week out. If Alan gets his chance, he may play alongside new colleagues. But he is capable of handling any situation is that lad.

"Our last time at Wembley was certainly memorable. I missed the 1977 European Cup Final through injury and of course Alan was not a member of the team then. So it was a marvellous experience for both of us. Going back there as opponents would surely create some kind of record.

"People have asked me if the pressures of Liverpool's season have taken their toll on me. I suppose the same question will be asked of Alan. But we can both say the same thing. By normal Anfield standards, this has been an easy programme.

"That's not meant as a joke. We are so accustomed to playing in European competition every year that going out to Forest as early as we did suddenly meant blank mid-



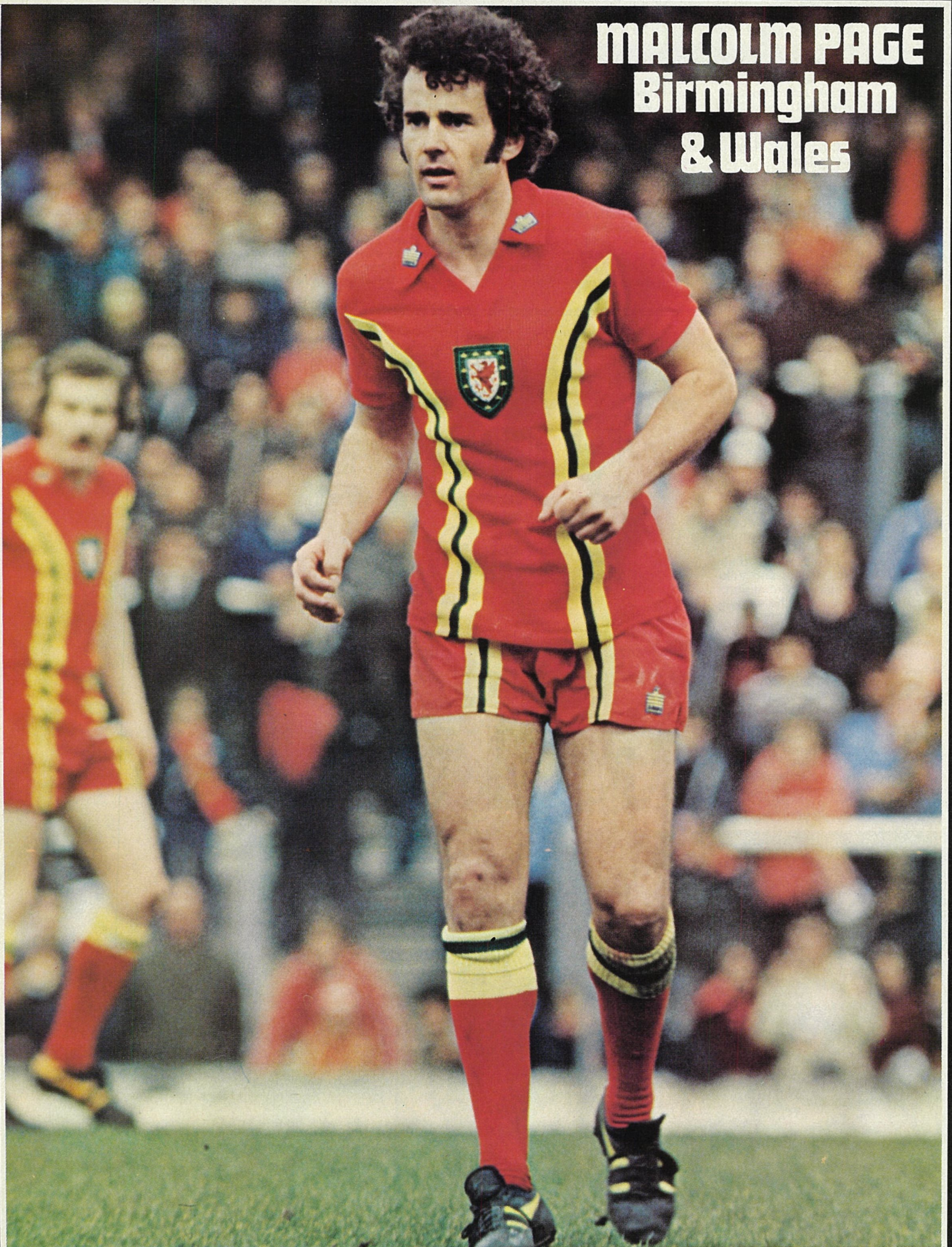
Hansen has Beckenbauer's style.



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SHOOT!

Republic of Ireland v Argentina, Dublin, May 29th

THE Dublin public have never had it so good. Last Tuesday, the Republic of Ireland played 1974 World Champions West Germany. Next Tuesday (May 29th), they entertain 1978 Champions Argentina at Lansdowne Road.

After Argentina won the World Cup last June, it was announced they would tour Europe this summer with Dublin a likely venue. The F.A. of Ireland had already arranged a friendly against the Germans, so UNICEF and Shamrock Rovers director Louis Kilcoyne stepped in and pulled off the coup. It was Kilcoyne who organised the visit of Brazil to Dublin six years ago when they played an all-Ireland selection disguised as a Shamrock Rovers XI.

This being the Year of the Child explains UNICEF's involvement and as their contribution to the fund-raising, Argentina are waiving part of their normal appearance fee. Having already played Holland and Italy, Argentina close their tour in Glasgow against Scotland on June 2nd (this game will be previewed in depth next week).

Argentina are bringing a strong squad to Dublin. Of their World Cup-winning team Eire fans could see Fillol, Olguin, Passarella, Luque and Ortiz, plus Houseman. The Irish fans who turned out in their thousands to see Ardiles and Villa play for Spurs against Bohemians last August now have the chance to see more World Champions.

The only previous meeting between the countries at full international level was back in May, 1951, when the Argentines won 1-0 at Dalymount Park. Argentina were a top attraction in those days, too, having lost narrowly to England at Wembley days before. The England team included names such as Ramsey, Wright, Finney and Milburn. It was the first all-ticket game organised by Ireland and a crowd of 40,000 produced receipts of £7,000.

One of Eire's players that day

was Con Martin, father of current star Mick who will probably play next week. Incidentally, Mick equalled his father's 30-appearance record against Denmark earlier this month. Mind you, Con was also capped six times for Northern Ireland.

Prior to the '78 World Cup, the Republic were invited to Buenos Aires, but with so many English-based players unavailable a League of Ireland side travelled to the Argentinian capital where they lost 3-1 in front of a 50,000 crowd at the Boca Juniors stadium.

Johnny Giles played that day, so he has some idea of what to expect on Tuesday. He should have a full Eire squad to select from, with the possible exception of Gerry Daly, who may be with the New England Tea Men.

Argentina captain Daniel Passarella says: "We know only a little about the Irish. However, as their players are drawn from the English First Division they must be good. I hear Liam Brady is an excellent player and we heard he had been chosen Player of the Year by his fellow professionals. We know all

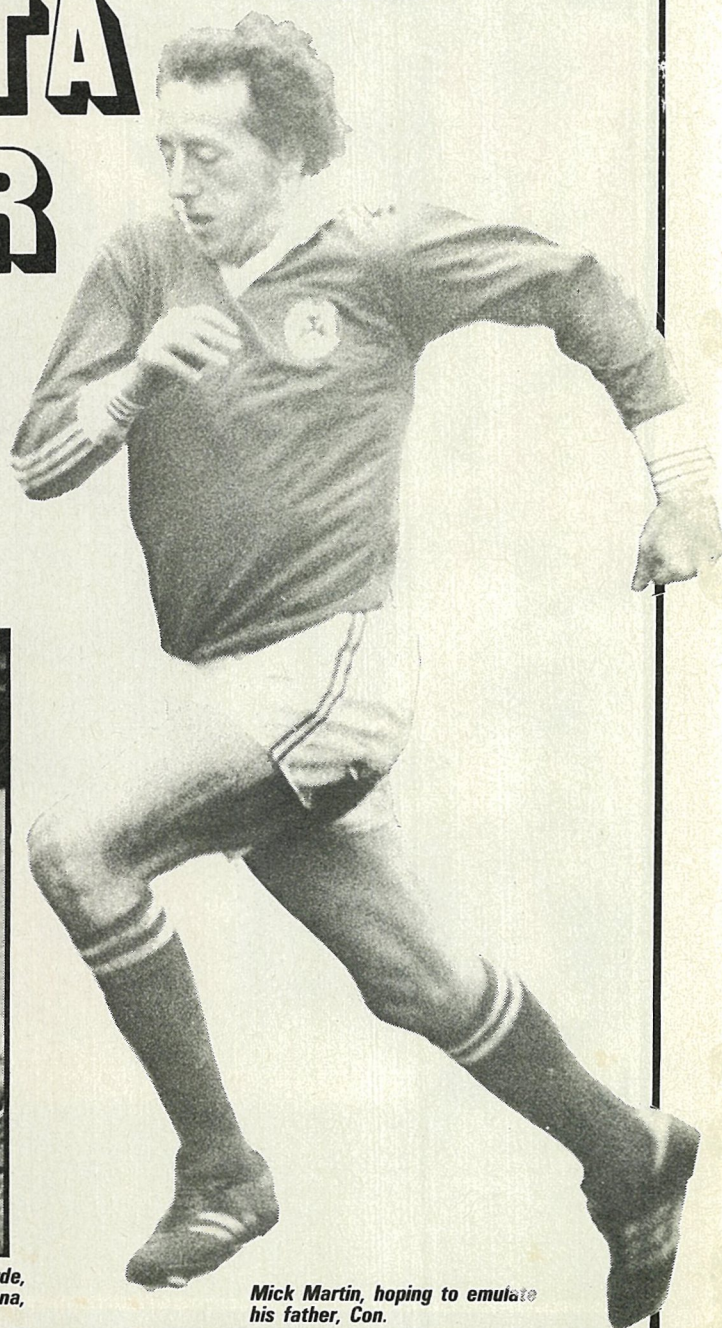
about George Best, too, but he isn't from Eire, is he? It is always a challenge to play against a style different from the Latin way of play, and we are looking forward to the match.

"We should have scored more than three against the League of Ireland. I think only Johnny Giles from that side will play this time. Still, he knows more about us than we do them."

One player Dublin fans must keep a special eye on is 18-year-old wonder boy Diego Maradona, who plays on the left side of midfield. Week after week he gets top ratings and his performance against Bulgaria in April (only his second international) was given ten out of ten by one Argentinian magazine.

Even though Menotti is building a new Argentina side, he will still place the emphasis on attack, as he did during the World Cup, and the Irish fans could be in for a soccer treat.

FOOTBALL FIESTA FOR EIRE FANS



The new Argentina. Back row: Daniel Passarella, René Houseman, Jorge Olguin, Hugo Villaverde, Jorge García, Pato Fillol. Front row: Américo Gallego, Juan Barbas, Jose Reinaldi, Diego Maradona, Oscar Ortiz.

Mick Martin, hoping to emulate his father, Con.

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TO MOST Scottish soccer fans, beating England, especially at Wembley, is more important and carries more prestige than anything else.

I suspect it means even more to some than winning the World Cup Final!

Scots in general are more patriotic than the English and get a bigger kick out of playing for their country.

I don't really know why. Perhaps it's just the way we are brought up North of the border.

Being a smaller nation and by tradition old enemies we are much more determined not to be overshadowed by our Southern neighbours . . . to retain our identities.

Although I've played most of my first class soccer in the Football League I must admit I get just as emotionally involved as any Jock from Glasgow.

Maybe I shouldn't feel that way, but I can't help it.

My father doesn't make it any easier for me. He's a raving Scot and nothing will stop him being at Wembley this Saturday (May 26th) cheering on the boys in blue.

Mind you, there's no fear of Dad getting stoned out his head, going bananas and tearing up the Wembley turf if Scotland win. You see, he's a teetotaler.

But he could have "drowned" in whisky after Scotland's 2-1 win at Wembley in June, 1977.

Travelling home on the plane, a small section of the invading tartan horde recognised him as my father and overwhelmed him with offers of a dram or two. He told me afterwards they drank enough whisky between them to float the QE2.

I'll never forget that match two

years ago . . . it was the highlight of my career.

Not only did Scotland win to retain the British Championship, but I scored just before half-time.

When I met Asa Hartford's free-kick with a header that gave Ray Clemence no chance, Wembley was struck by the Tartan Tornado.

The whole stadium seemed to explode with a roar that threatened to lift the roof off of the stands. I've



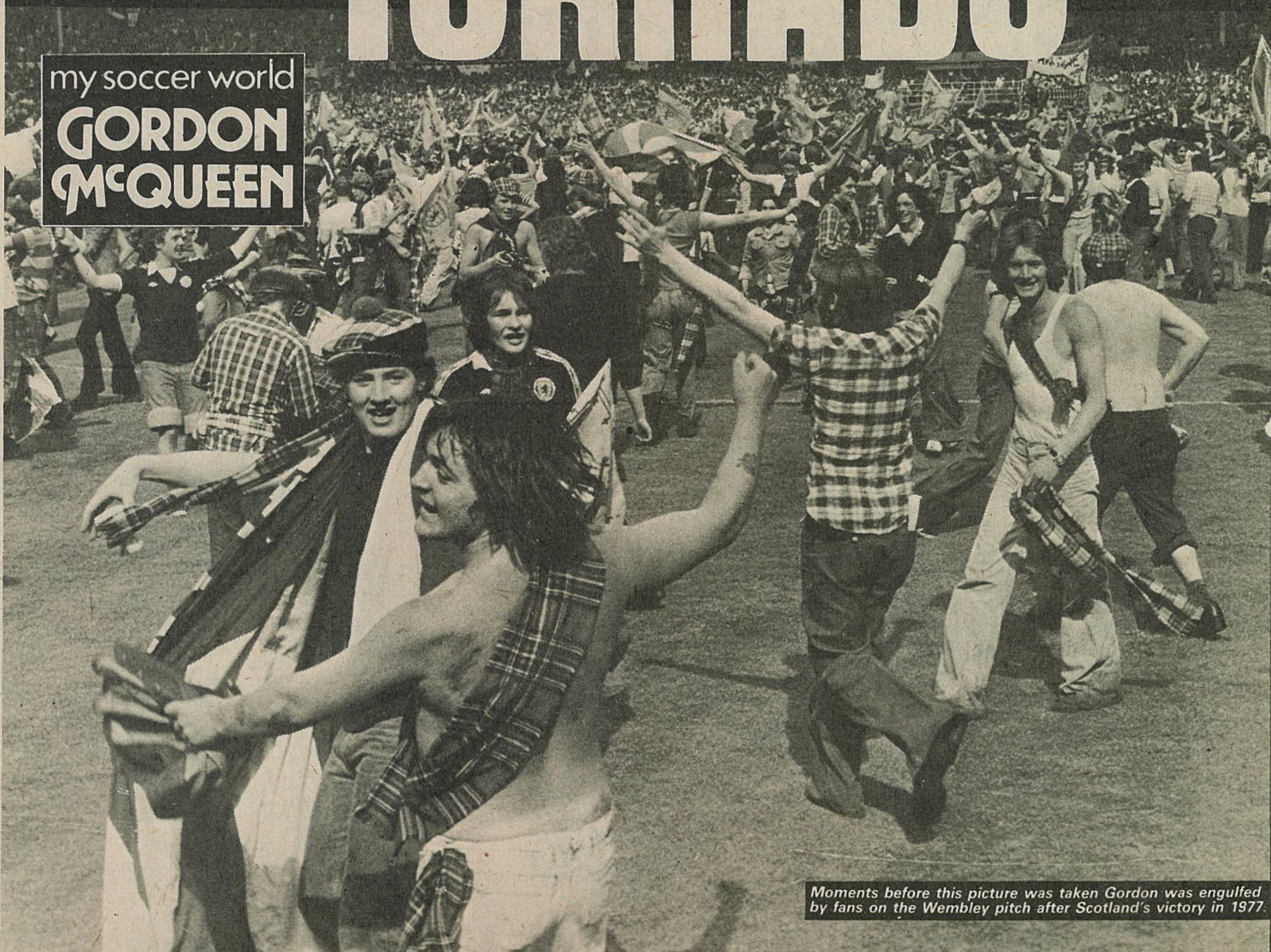
never experienced a noise like it in my life.

From then on I knew there was no way England were going to win. In the second-half we sharpened our tackles, and inspired by man-of-the-match Danny McGrain threatened to overwhelm our opponents.

Kenny Dalglish added a second in

'Hit by the TARTAN TORNADO'

my soccer world
**GORDON
McQUEEN**



Moments before this picture was taken Gordon was engulfed by fans on the Wembley pitch after Scotland's victory in 1977.



Gordon collides with the post, saving a goal against Wales last year. He badly injured his knee and missed the Scotland v. England match at Hampden and the World Cup Finals in Argentina.

the 60th minute following good work by Bruce Rioch and Lou Macari.

England hit back when Mike Channon scored a penalty after the whistle-happy Hungarian referee judged I had brought him down in the area, but it came too late to save the match.

At the final whistle thousands of Scots invaded the pitch and caused damage estimated at £18,000.

I was almost torn apart by fans wanting my shirt. Fortunately a couple of team-mates were close enough to see the situation and rescued me.

I didn't feel too well when I met up with my wife Yvonne after the match and decided to rest at our hotel.

Later in the evening I recovered and we tried to go out for a quiet meal, but had to beat a hasty retreat back to the hotel when we were almost kidnapped by well-meaning Jocks.

The whole Scotland party were heroes that day. But it had been a different story two years earlier when England trounced us 5-1 at Wembley.

The fans went berserk and attacked the team bus when we pulled away from the stadium.

I must admit I was terrified. Bricks were thrown at the windows.

England also won last year when Steve Coppell scored the only goal of a disappointing game at Hampden.

Fortunately, the hysteria of going to Argentina was in full swing... and Ally MacLeod had said Scotland were going to win the World Cup.

For once our fans did not treat defeat as a total disaster.

I missed that game. If you remember I struck a knee on a goalpost saving a goal against Wales in a previous match.

Although I didn't think the injury was too bad at the time, it turned out to be damaged ligaments and prevented me from playing in Argentina.

I'm fit now, though, and desperately want to take part in this year's Auld Enemy clash.

I'm in Jock Stein's squad, but as I

write I've no idea if I'm included in his plans for Wembley.

With very little hope of qualifying for the European Championship, I'm sure Mr Stein will use these Home games to experiment.

With his mind on 1982 and the next World Cup, he'll place more importance on introducing new faces and tactics than winning the British title.

Passion and emotion aside, I know Scotland have a long way to go before we can be considered a serious threat in world football again.

We've had the talent for years but just can't seem to get it together at the right time, especially in vital away matches.

To be honest, our record on foreign soil over the past few years is shocking... a disgrace.

I'm optimistic, however, about our future. If anyone can build a team Scotland can be proud of it's Jock Stein whose track record needs no further comment from me.

In contrast England have enjoyed some tremendous results under Ron Greenwood and are potentially a good side.

They've got Kevin Keegan — he's world class — and some fabulous midfield players, but can't score goals. And despite the presence of good defenders in the League appear to have a problem finding full-backs of international class.

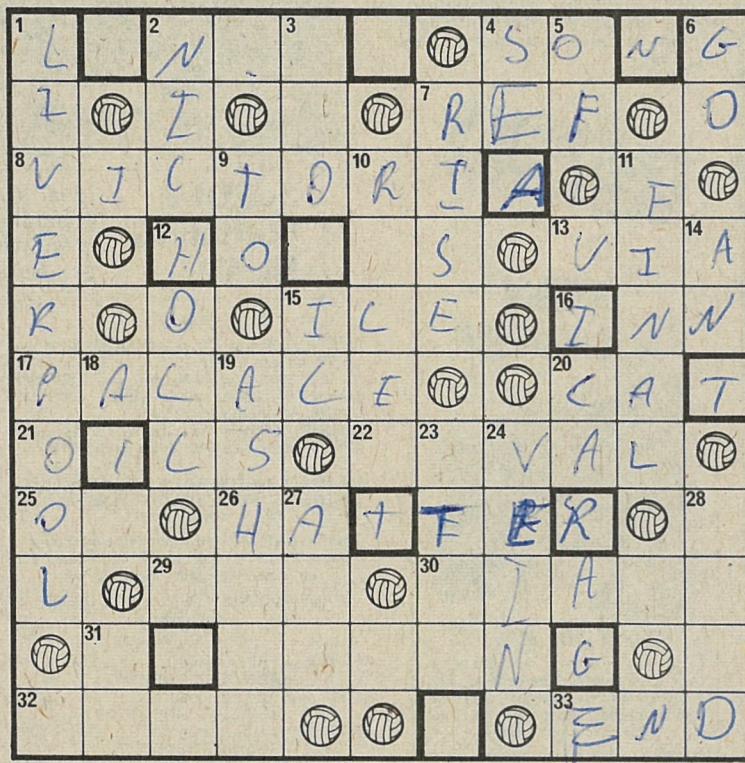
Although as a Scot I hate the thought of England achieving any success at international level, as a professional footballer I realise how important it is for the whole nation for them to get back on top.

Before I sign off I must forecast the result at Wembley... and it's a win for Scotland. I can't really say anything else, can I?

John MacLeod

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Wolves midfielder. Answers on page 38.



ACROSS:—

- (1) David —, Derby County defender.
- (4) Many supporters can give voice to a special one to spur their team on.
- (7) In short, his whistle was first introduced in 1878!
- (8) — Ground of Hartlepool.
- (12) B-ot-a- Cr-cent (York). Certain wins from the omissions.
- (13) By way of.
- (15) David Pr--- of Arsenal.
- (16) Tom F---ey of Cambridge United.
- (17) Crystal — of Selhurst Park.
- (20) Former Chelsea 'keeper Peter Bonetti was nicknamed 'The ---'.
- (21) Scunth-rpe Un-ted play at the O-d -how Ground.
- (22) Of ships... as the many connections of Portsmouth, for instance.
- (25) Omar Siv--i; "European Footballer of the Year", 1961.
- (26) Nickname-wise... one from Luton Town!
- (29) Di--iller-; Irish League club.
- (30) S----- P-rk (Stranraer). Head-dress from the missing letters.
- (31) Fair and good attitude in the game.
- (32) A club in financial difficulty might well have to obtain one.
- (33) Preston North —.

DOWN:—

- (1) Roger Hunt (League top scorer in 1961/2 with 41 goals) played for them.
- (2) Chris —, Southampton defender.
- (3) H-mil--n Acade---al (Scots First Division).
- (4) Brighton, The ---gulls.
- (5) Dennis R---e of Leicester City.
- (6) Gerry --w of Bristol City.
- (7) Ascend.
- (9) Ipswich --wn.
- (10) Not long past.
- (11) Deciding match of a knock-out competition.
- (13) — Road; Watford's ground.
- (14) Trevor T-i--on of Bristol City.
- (18) Lord Kinn---d (Wanderers & Old Etonians) was one player who won five F.A. Cup winners' medals.
- (19) — Gate, Bristol City.
- (23) Chris ----l-n, of Brighton. Room from the omissions.
- (24) Blood carrier!
- (27) — United from Somerset Park.
- (28) Pat Hol---- of West Ham.
- (29) A watering-place from Fellows Park (Walsall).
- (31) --chaux; French League club.

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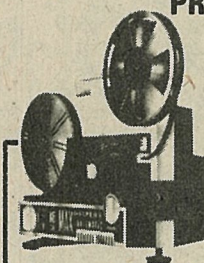
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'Law was 'The King' for me, too'



Tartan Talk **DEREK JOHNSTONE**

SOCCER stars have heroes, too, you know. I'm often asked that question and there are many sportsmen who immediately spring to mind as people I admire and respect.

Let's start with Denis Law. He seems to be everyone's favourite player and certainly he was loved by Scottish fans. The man was amazing. His reflexes around goal were simply dynamic.

I can remember watching Manchester United on the television one night — I think they were playing Wolves in an English Cup match — and Law, Bobby Charlton and George Best were all on parade. What a team.

Law was 'The King' so far as I was concerned and I loved watching him in action, whether for Manchester United, Manchester City or Scotland. I was delighted when he played against Zaire in the 1974 World Cup Finals.

Quality

It was his one and only match in the Finals of the world's premier soccer trophy and it would have been a crying shame if a player of his calibre and quality hadn't played there.

Bobby Charlton was gifted, too, and I enjoyed watching him in action. He had a great 1966 World Cup, scoring some spectacular goals like that long range one against Mexico and two in the Semi-Final against Portugal.

Best, too, was a marvellous entertainer. The game is all the poorer in Britain without his glittering skills. Still, he left us all with some happy and cherished memories.

I remember a game in Northern Ireland when Best ran amok against Scotland. The Irish won 1-0 that day and there was hardly anything Scotland could do to keep him quiet.

Jim Baxter, like Best, was a player the fans flocked to see. There was nothing "Slim Jim's" left foot couldn't do. He had remarkable range and vision.

Another great former Ranger is wee Willie Henderson. A remarkable outside-right who could demoralise defences with a shake of those hips.

Another English player I have a lot of admiration for is Manchester City's Colin Bell, who has been so cruelly hit by injury in the past five or six years.

He is a dedicated team man who could run all day. One minute you would see him in the heart of his defence and the next he'd be having a shot at his opponents' goal. I hope Colin can regain that old form.

If you're talking about soccer players you

can't miss out the likes of Pele and Johan Cruyff — two genuine world class stars. Pele was simply incredible, a breathtaking artiste with all the skills. He wasn't a particularly tall player, but I'll always remember that headed goal against Italy in the 1970 World Cup Final in Mexico.

His timing was absolutely impeccable and goalkeeper Enrico Albertosi had no chance as the effort ripped low into the net to help the Brazilians on their way to an overwhelming 4-1 victory.

Ironically, I'll also always recall a goal Johan Cruyff scored AGAINST Brazil in the '74 World Cup Finals. Johan Neeskens had scored the first goal and Holland were looking for the clincher when Cruyff arrived in the penalty-area, timing his run to perfection, to get away from the defence and divert a left wing cross into the net. Superb.

In other sports I really admire the characters who stand out. I'm talking about "Super Mex" Lee Trevino in golf. He could probably make a living out of being a stand-up comic. I don't know how he can concentrate so deeply when he is playing golf while keeping up a seemingly endless stream of wisecracks.

Jack Nicklaus, "The Golden Bear", is a lot more serious, of course, but one look at his

record and you must admire him as a sportsman. Ilie Nastase has been known as temperamental and controversial, but "Nasty" is compulsive entertainment in action on the tennis courts. Bjorn Borg and youngster John McEnroe, also known as "Super Brat", are two other players I enjoy watching.

There are so many sportsmen I admire. I could probably fill this entire magazine with their names. So the next time someone is ready to ask me if I have any heroes I hope they have read this article. It could save me an awful lot of time!

That's all for this week. Cheers for now . . .

Derek Johnstone

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Denis Law in the dark shirt of Scotland.

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CASH BONANZA FOR

THERE's not a ticket to spare in Nottingham for the European Cup Final... and it's been that way since a week after Forest brushed aside Cologne in that epic Semi-Final.

Secretary Ken Smales was confident demands would be met when he returned from Germany with Forest's 17,000 share of the 72,000 Munich tickets.

After all, don't the English Champions have an average attendance of less than 30,000 and isn't Brian Clough constantly complaining about a lack of support?

But this one is special. People who would struggle to name the regular players, and even the odd Notts County fan, want to be there.

It's undoubtedly the biggest event in Nottingham soccer history and the rush for tickets underlines the value which the city public are delighted to place on Forest's achievements.

Qualifying to meet Malmö in the Final provides an opportunity of genuine glory for the club who have risen to the forefront of English football just three years after they languished in the Second Division.

And with one game likely to boost the City Ground income by



Peter Taylor and Brian Clough celebrate Forest's tremendous 1-0 victory in Cologne that ensured them a place in the European Cup Final.

Liverpool manager Bob Paisley, who master-minded his club's two European Cup wins, offers some advice...

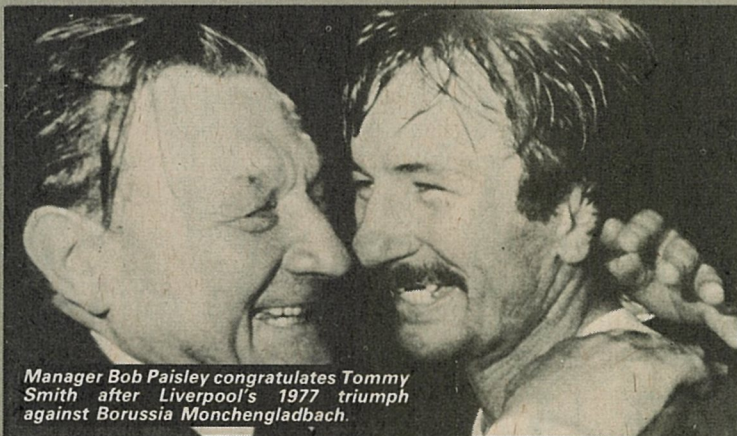
'THE SWEDES WILL PLAY A WAITING GAME'

NOTTINGHAM Forest, breaking new ground when they take on Malmö in the European Cup Final, should gain confidence by being tipped to win the trophy by a man who knows what winning is all about — Liverpool boss Bob Paisley.

Manager Paisley has guided the Anfield club to two European Cup successes, and was prevented from making it three in a row when his team was knocked out of the competition earlier this season by Brian Clough's men.

"It was a big disappointment to lose to Forest," says Bob. "But I would like to see them beat Malmö, and keep the Cup in Britain. Immediately after our K.O. by Forest, I backed them to go on to the Final and win — and I haven't changed my mind since then."

"But it won't be all plain sailing against Malmö. The Swedes will be content to play a waiting game, sitting back and making things as difficult as possible for Forest, who will have to probe and keep patient. So under these circumstances it would be a mistake to



Manager Bob Paisley congratulates Tommy Smith after Liverpool's 1977 triumph against Borussia Mönchengladbach.

expect a classical game of football.

"Malmö will be the underdogs. They are possibly not as good a side as Cologne, already eliminated, but they are certainly not to be underestimated."

And Bob Paisley, whose know-

ledge of Continental teams makes him a shrewd analyst of their tactics, is also well-versed in European off-the-field ploys.

"Against Cologne, Forest might have found they had to put up with a little pre-match aggro — for

example, the foreign Press is not against sometimes stirring up the local fans for the visits of British sides. And at Press conferences, which managers are obligated to attend, reporters can be provocative in their remarks. With Malmö, however, I don't think there will be any of this aggro directed at Forest.

"One of the most underestimated things about a fixture abroad, however, is the unsettling effect air-travel can have on some players. Some can be afraid of flying, and this can secretly gnaw away at them, and tire them before a match.

"What I would personally find wearing if I were in Brian Clough's shoes would be the long wait between the Semi-Final and the Final, without the stimulus of important games to keep the team in top gear.

"With Liverpool, and being involved in League, F.A. Cup and the European Cup as we were before we won it in Rome, I barely had time to think in between hanging up the team-sheets.

"At times, the more you study the opposition, the more you find out about them, the more worrying it can be. But if your club has a programme of important matches to fulfil, the concentration on these can take your mind off the European Cup for a while — and this may not be a bad thing."

FOREST

an estimated £300,000, the financial spin-offs are immense.

Says Clough: "The benefits of us reaching the Final are tremendous. This one match will pay for Trevor Francis' left leg — and a quarter of the new stand we are having built!

"People can say what they like about us spending money. When you get rewards like this there is only one way you can go, and that's up.

"There are times when money is not that important though and you can't buy moments like our players experienced in Cologne.

'Memories'

"I know what it was like for me and it adds to the marvellous memories I've had in the game.

"It gave me enormous satisfaction to win the Second Division Championship as an ambitious young manager at Derby County.

"And I cannot describe what it meant to have my family around me when we heard we had won the First Division title for the first time.

"Moments like that are special and it will be just the same for all of us in Munich."

Transporting 17,000 fans from Nottingham to Munich will be a major operation. It's also a costly

With Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough committed to ground improvements after laying out £1m for Trevor Francis, the fortune as well as the fame to be accrued from the European Cup and in European competitions is a target to be aimed at by British clubs — and Bob Paisley stresses the importance of it all.

"Liverpool need to qualify for Europe in order to pay their way, and continue in the manner expected of them by their fans. We have big plans for Anfield, and to help to meet them and carry out ground alterations, we feel it a must to get into Europe.

"Then the glamour of winning the European Cup is unique, making it different from other competitions, which is why there is so much interest in it. This year, it is Nottingham Forest who are carrying the banner for Britain, plus the hopes that they can do what we did last season.

"One final word on the Continentals — they are better finishers than we are, and Forest will no doubt be aware of this and have their own plans to meet it. Malmö will be ready to seize on any chances they can create, always alert to grab a snap goal in the tradition of Continental sides in the post-War period.

"But I'll stand by my forecast that Forest will bring the trophy back to England."



Forest (dark shirts) on the attack in Cologne.



Liverpool (light shirts) and Forest could give England two European Cup representatives next season.

business for the loyal fans, who have already marched across Europe three times — to Athens, Zurich and Cologne — this season.

But they reckon it's worth swapping their summer holidays to be there as witnesses to the moment when Forest take possession of Liverpool's crown.

Even across the River Trent at Meadow Lane, where Notts County are striving gallantly to keep pace with their distinguished neighbours, they wish Forest well.

Says manager Jimmy Sirrel: "It's always nice to keep these things close to home so if we cannot win it, it's better Forest do.

"Good luck to them. The way I look at it is they are setting standards and it's up to us — and everyone else for that matter — to match them."

HOW FOREST REACHED THE FINAL

Liverpool (h) 2-0 (Birtles, Barrett)
Liverpool (a) 0-0

AEK (a) 2-1 (McGovern, Birtles)
AEK (h) 5-1 (Needham, Woodcock, Anderson, Birtles 2)

Grasshoppers (h) 4-1 (Birtles, Robertson pen., Gemmill, Lloyd)

Grasshoppers (a) 1-1 (O'Neill)

Cologne (h) 3-3 (Birtles, Bowyer, Robertson)

Cologne (a) 1-0 (Bowyer)

NIGHT OF GLORY FOR

Former Fulham and Brighton defender Bob Houghton has astonished the soccer world by leading Malmö FF to the European Cup Final, the first time a Swedish team has gone beyond the Quarter-Finals. Bob, who coached Ipswich Town for a spell, seems to have something special. It would be wrong to write off Malmö because they are virtually unknown.



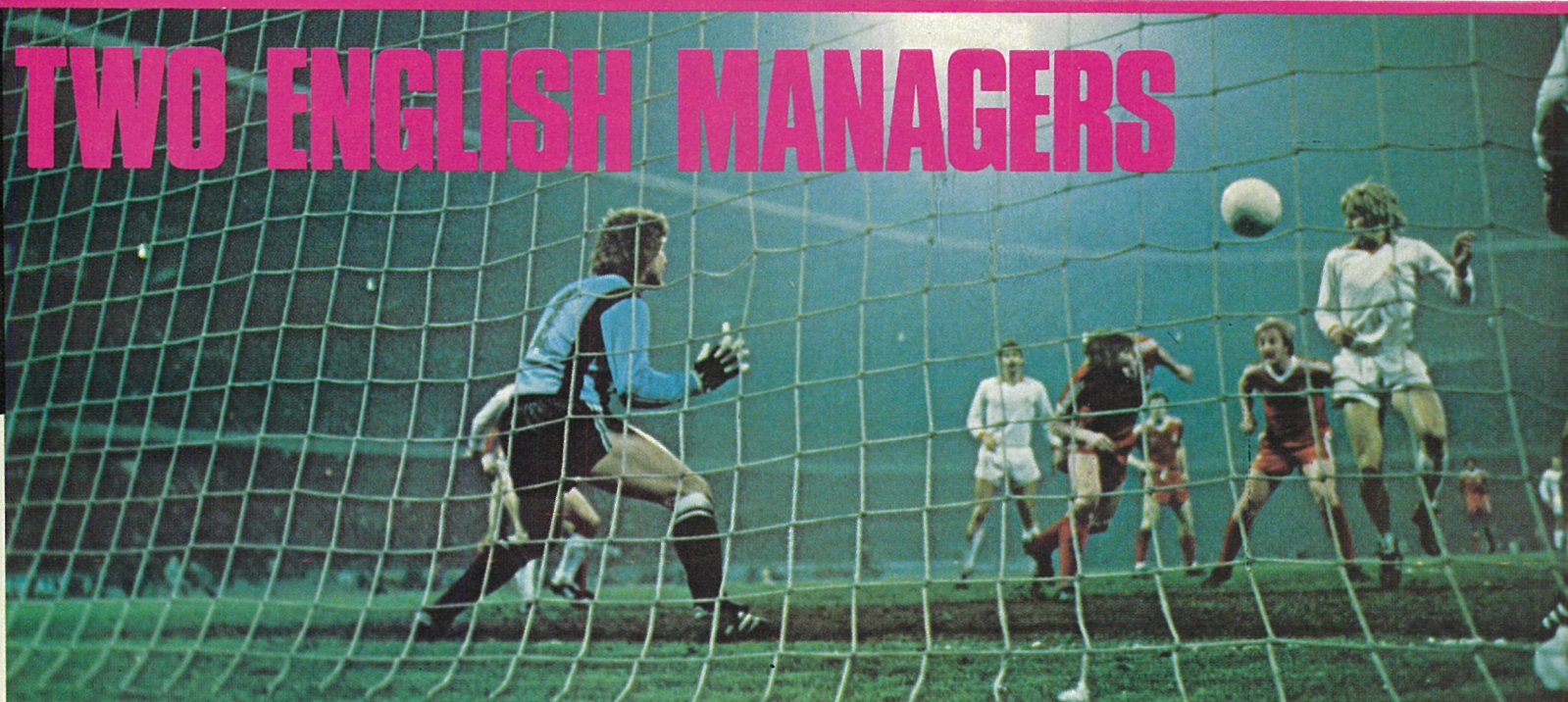
ABOVE... Tore Cervin challenges an Austria Vienna player in the Semi-Finals. Malmö drew 0-0 in Vienna, winning the return.

From a free-kick, Tommy Hansson is completely unmarked as he heads the winning goal for Malmö.



BACK ROW: Anders Ljungburg, Roy Andersson, Roland Andersson, Tommy Hansson, Tore Cervin, Ingemar Erlandsson.
FRONT ROW: Magnus Andersson, Jan Möller, Staffan Tapper, Kent Jonsson, Jan-Olof Kindvall.

TWO ENGLISH MANAGERS



It was one of THE great nights for English football when Nottingham Forest won 1-0 in Cologne. The goal — seen above, an Ian Bowyer header following a John Robertson corner — meant another chapter in the incredible career of manager supreme Brian Clough. Chances are there will be plenty of interesting reading to come . . .

LEFT . . . Tony Woodcock shows his skill as Cologne defenders close in.

BELOW, LEFT . . . Veteran defender Frank Clark is outnumbered, but not beaten.

BELOW . . . Garry Birtles comes away from Glowacz.





Swedish sportswriter Frank Sjöman takes a look at Malmö FF . . . their history, manager and the men who will face Forest

The 'Cocky' club from Southern Sweden

MALMO FF are one of the classic clubs of Swedish soccer and by far the most successful, at home as well as abroad. The success of MFF is very much due to the club being the best organised and run in the country.

This is tradition with Malmö FF and the club owe a lot to Eric Persson, now in his 80's and honorary-chairman, but still very much involved. Persson has held almost every position within the club since the early 1930's and he has been to MFF what Santiago Bernabeu was to Real Madrid.

No Swedish club has lost more players to foreign clubs than MFF, but their outstanding youth system has always produced replacements. Malmö seldom buy players from other big clubs, relying heavily on the small clubs of Skåne (the Southernmost "county" of Sweden) where it's considered an honour to play for MFF.

Right now Malmö are of course the "in-team" in Sweden, but that has certainly not been the case before. MFF's teams and players often suffer abuse both from the public and from the Press when playing outside Skåne.

Naturally this is to a great extent due to the fact success breeds jealousy, but its origins are outside football. The people of Skåne, speaking a certain kind of dialect similar to Danish, are fiercely proud of being "skåningar" (not unlike the Scottish) and so the rest of the country tend to think of

them as too cocky.

During Bob Houghton's reign Malmö have been accused of playing dull football, with the accent on defence. The slanging-match has been held mostly in the papers, but there were also signs of a running feud between Malmö FF and the Swedish F.A. on how football should be played.

Houghton has stuck to his beliefs, however, and nobody is arguing with him these days. Instead there is quite a crowd trying to get on the band-wagon.

No ambitions

Malmö certainly deserve to reach the European Cup Final. Unlike every other Swedish club, who only see the European tournaments as a way of earning fast money and having no ambitions whatsoever, MFF have publicly declared their aim is to reach European top-class.

In 1968 they were beaten by AC Milan (who went on to win the European Cup) only through some horrifying refereeing and in 1975 MFF lost to Bayern Munich (who also won the Cup). After leading 1-0 from the home leg, MFF went down to two "goals" that only came because of the referee. One was twice offside in the same attack and the other a blatant non-penalty.

But then again MFF were very lucky with some decisions during their home-game with Wisla.



BOB HOUGHTON—The 'Brian Clough' of Sweden

FOR a self-confessed undistinguished full-back with Fulham and Brighton, Bob Houghton is doing very nicely. Win or lose, the Malmö manager should have no trouble getting a job in the Football League, where his only previous experience was coaching Ipswich Town.

That's if Houghton, aged 32, wants to return. Malmö, naturally, want to keep him. And other European clubs, who can pay him far more than English clubs, must also have their eyes on him.

Five years after his arrival in the Southern Swedish city, Houghton is every bit as big over there as Brian Clough is in England. Bigger than the game? That's open to argument, but a recent incident illustrates the point.

MFF lost in Norrköping 1-0 and afterwards Houghton launched into a stream of Anglo-Saxon words in describing the referee, who had not given Malmö two "definite" penalties and had sent-off one of their players for doing a Sammy Nelson (as Swedish journalists remarked, the lengths Houghton will go in order to make his team English!).

For a similar outburst last year, Houghton was banned for a month.

Houghton has completely reorganised Malmö. When he arrived

the players trained just three evenings a week; now, they have 21 professionals, that is, 21 players whose main source of income is from Malmö FF and who train every day. Stories of Malmö players being part-timers are way off target.

The win-bonus for Malmö is around £7,000 per man, probably to be paid in cars and holidays to avoid tax, which is even higher than in Britain. Houghton's salary is £20,000.

Better suited

It is a strange situation: two English managers facing each other in the European Cup Final. Houghton says he reckons Cloughie must be pleased, but he also knows the Forest boss won't underestimate Malmö. Houghton admits he'd have rather played Cologne in the Final, even in West Germany, "because our style would be better suited to them."

What will happen to Houghton after the Final is unknown. He dearly wants to win, rightly pointing out that no one remembers losers. Houghton realises his side are the underdogs, but they've been in that role many times and have come up trumps. Whatever, the name of Bob Houghton won't be forgotten quickly.



Franz Beckenbauer intercepts for Bayern Munich against Malmö during a European Cup tie.

Results and scorers in the 1978/79 E.C.

Monaco (h)	0-0
Monaco (a)	1-0 Kinnvall
Dynamo Kiev (a)	0-0
Dynamo Kiev (h)	2-0 Cervin, Kinnvall
Wisla Krakow (a)	1-2 Hansson
Wisla Krakow (h)	4-1 Ljungberg 3 (2 pen), Cervin
Austria Vienna (a)	0-0
Austria Vienna (h)	1-0 Hansson

Programme Fair

PROGRAMME collectors should not miss one of the year's most celebrated events — the Fifth International Programme Fair.

The function is being held at The Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London W.C.2 — three minutes' walk from Holborn Underground station — on Saturday, June 9th.

Thousands of programmes will be for sale from a few pence each to a few pounds. There will also be a display of rare programmes and football curios.

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RELEGATED Q.P.R. were chasing Kilmarnock striker John Bourke. Killie paid Dundee United £45,000 for Bourke a couple of years ago. He'll cost more than that now.

NORTH PADDINGTON BOYS' CLUB WIN PERSIL AWARD



NORTH Paddington Boys' Club, members of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs Under-14 Football League, have won the Persil Clean Team Trophy for the 1978/9 season. The competition, sponsored for the eighth year by Lever Brothers, the makers of Persil, is run in conjunction with the Under-14 League and was established to instill and encourage clean play in football.

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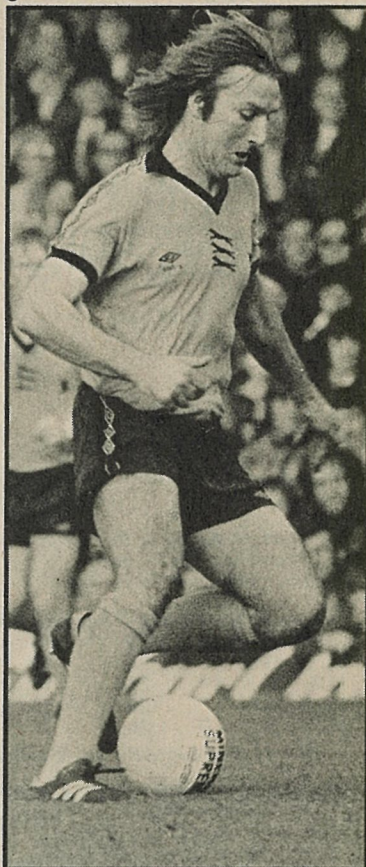
4. Players and club officials: acceptance of decisions by referees and linesmen.
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At a reception last month at Fulham Football Club, Mr Geoffrey Batchelor of Lever Brothers presented the North Paddington team with an engraved Cup, a football, and tickets for the next day's Fulham v Leicester match.

Individual team members were presented with shields by first team stars Peter Marinello, Tony Gale, Gordon Boyd and Perry Digweed.

'Happier at Wolves — but still not sure I'll stay'

says **STEVE DALEY**



THE magic John Barnwell has produced to save Wolves from the Second Division, has brought an immense tribute from Steve Daley... the midfielder man who was all set to leave Molineux a few months ago.

Then Sammy Chung was replaced by John Barnwell and, says Daley, things improved almost overnight. Eleven weeks after taking over, Barnwell and his assistant Richie Barker had guided Wolves to the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals and set them on a run in which they lost just one of 11 games.

Daley sums up the difference like this: "Before John took over we were almost beaten before we left

the dressing-room. We had no confidence.

"Under John and Richie the team developed a pattern and a style and the confidence started coming back. Sure, we had a bit of luck at times but we worked to get that luck."

Wolves might have missed out on a Cup Final appearance when Arsenal beat them 2-0, but they pulled clear to First Division safety.

And Daley's future? The young man who said he would leave, is now not so certain. "I'll be thinking over my position," he said. "I'm not sure what I will decide but I will say this — I'm much happier now than I was before."

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Eire in Europe

ALTHOUGH they were beaten in the F.A.I. Cup Final Waterford will be competing in the European Cup-Winners' Cup next season.

Dundalk, the victors at Dalymount Park, Dublin, on April 22nd, are also League of Ireland Champions and so will be taking part in the European Cup instead.

Eire's U.E.F.A. Cup representatives in 1979-80 will be Bohemians.

● After Dundalk's Double winning season it is hardly surprising that manager Jim McLaughlin was voted Personality of the Year in Eire.

TREVOR'S FAVOURITE!

MOST players have preferences when it comes to their favourite opponents — and Forest's Trevor Francis is certainly no exception. His recent point saver against Bolton Wanderers was the third goal Francis scored against the Lancashire club in 1978-79, having grabbed both Birmingham goals in their draw at Burnden Park. Wanderers fans need no reminding that their team had an early taste of Francis's scoring power when, as a 16-year-old, he scored four times for Birmingham in a League match at St. Andrews.

IN all the game's history players who score a century of Football League goals and another in the Scottish League could be counted on the fingers of one hand. But it's only a matter of time before there will be another. Kenny Dalglish exceeded 100 with Celtic, and is well on course to do it with Liverpool. He has scored more than 50 at the end of the 1978-79 season.

Deceptive Dutchman

ALAN Dicks, manager of First Division Bristol City, is certain that English fans haven't seen the best of his Dutch import Geert Meyer.

"I believe he is going to be an exceptional player," predicts the City boss. "He has such good control and his pace is deceptive."

Meyer, who joined City on loan from Ajax in December, last year, was signed for £90,000 in March.

The Dutch player, rather surprisingly, found himself left out of the Ajax team — especially in away matches when they used an extra midfielder player.

But Dicks, evidently, can't see enough of him. The City manager added: "He is a genuine left-sided player with good balance and a lovely left foot. If he keeps attack-minded and raids from the left he can cause a lot of problems."

He certainly made a sensational debut for City. He scored one in the 2-1 defeat of Birmingham — and hit the crossbar twice!



VILLA'S ALL-ROUNDER

WHO'S the most versatile player in Division One? Aston Villa fans will tell you he is John Gregory and they have a strong argument to support their claim.

In his 57th League game for Villa since joining them from Northampton two years ago — John wore the number eight shirt, against Liverpool. This meant he has worn every jersey from two to 11 — and John has never appeared more than ten times in any one jersey.

John usually plays a defensive role, either at full-back, sweeper or in midfield. Yet he was also Villa's top scorer at the time of completing this remarkable record.

The Villa star says he'd like to make one position his own, but manager Ron Saunders must be delighted to have such a versatile player at his disposal, especially as the Villa injury list has been heavy.

WHAT could be more fitting than that Wolves manager John Barnwell and W.B.A. chief-coach Colin Addison should be almost next-door neighbours? They were comrades-in-arms four times in the past — as Arsenal, Forest, and Sheffield United players and then when Addison managed Hereford United with Barnwell as second in command.

The Entertainers

PAUL Emson, a 20-year-old Grimsby-born winger, who has shown his paces in the First Division this season, has some interesting views on the game.

"I think the entertainers in the game, players like Brady, Currie, Best, Marsh and Bowles, for example, have so much to offer.

"It's always nice to win at football, but it is also worthwhile giving the fans some good entertainment."

Paul, who joined Derby from Brigg Town last year, has certainly made the jump from Midland League football to the Football League in great style.



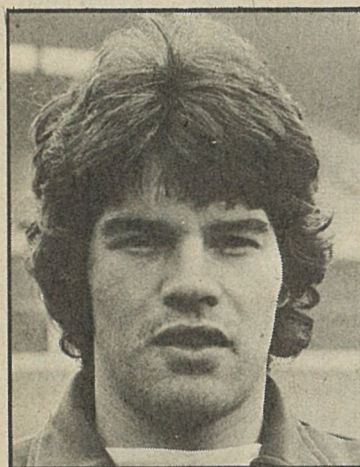
Eastoe's Aim

PETER Eastoe (dark shirt, right), confirms his determination to win something with Everton next season.

The former Q.P.R., striker explains: "When I was at Wolves as a teenager, I couldn't get into the side because of John Richards and Derek Dougan.

"So I wanted first team football and got that by moving to Swindon. I had a very good season with 31 goals and, at 20, it was very exciting for a lad of my age, although it was only in the Third Division.

"After that I wanted First Division football and that came about with Q.P.R. Now I want to win something in the First Division. If I had planned things, they couldn't have worked out better."



FORMER Dundee full-back Bobby Watson, now managing Keith, has celebrated his first season as a manager by steering his side to win the Highland League Championship. Keith last won the title 17 years ago. Watson is a Fifer from Windygates who is enjoying his new career in the North-East of Scotland.

Best 'keeper on Owls list

ARSENAL fans will remember well Chris Turner (left), the Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeper who played so brilliantly against The Gunners in the five matches it took to settle the F.A. Cup Third Round.

Chris, 20, was chosen by his fellow professionals to be the best 'keeper in the Third Division but manager Jack Charlton has put him on the transfer list. It will be a blow to the Wednesday fans, who idolise Chris if he does leave the club, but Charlton has the highest regard for Bob Bolder, also 20, and 17-year old Brian Cox, who have both had first team experience.

WITH Hearts and Motherwell relegated from the Premier Division, it means that former Scottish team managers, Willie Ormond (Hearts), and Ally MacLeod (Motherwell) will be managing sides in the First Division next season.

Ciaran To Return?

TALENT-laden Cliftonville midfielder Ciaran McCurry's near-international class display in the Solitude Reds' 3-2 Bess Irish F.A. Cup Final win v. Portadown, on April 28, underlined the tremendous potential of the former Northern Ireland Youth international cap.

Classy Ciaran, who figured in a lengthy on-off transfer saga with Second Division Luton Town in the middle of last season, possesses the class, style and skill to soon re-enter the cross-channel transfer market. In his magical Cup Final performance, 20-year-old McCurry certainly looked an excellent top-class prospect.

FACTastic

NOTTS County are not only one of the oldest clubs in the history of English football but they are the only club to have competed in every F.A. Cup competition since 1877-78. The following year Nottingham Forest made their debut in the Cup — they beat the County 3-1 after a drawn game, and they, too, have never missed a Cup competition since, a truly magnificent "double" for Nottingham.

HOW THEY FINISHED . . .

in 1978-79 Irish League Championship table . . .

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Linfield	22	14	6	2	46	21	34
Glenavon	22	11	6	5	42	30	28
Ard	22	11	5	6	47	34	27
Glentoran	22	9	8	5	36	33	26
Portadown	22	10	5	7	35	27	25
Larne	22	10	4	8	42	35	24
Cliftonville	22	7	7	8	31	29	21
Coleraine	22	7	6	9	29	30	20
Crusaders	22	6	8	8	30	33	20
Bangor	22	5	8	9	28	40	18
Ballymena United	22	4	6	12	25	46	14
Distillery	22	2	3	17	19	52	7

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in the BASS League of Ireland

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dundalk	30	19	7	4	57	25	45
Bohemians	30	18	7	5	53	21	43
Drogheda Utd....	30	18	6	6	60	40	42
Waterford	30	17	8	5	48	32	42
Shamrock Rov. ...	30	17	3	10	45	25	37
Limerick	30	14	8	8	39	25	36
Athlone Town....	30	14	7	9	56	41	35
Finn Harps	30	14	6	10	56	41	34
Home Farm	30	13	7	10	47	33	33
Sligo Rovers	30	9	7	14	35	40	25
Cork Alberts	30	7	9	14	35	49	23
Thurles Town	30	9	5	16	35	62	23
Shelbourne	30	6	9	15	41	58	21
St Patrick's Ath.	30	7	6	17	36	62	20
Galway Rovers....	30	4	5	21	41	79	13
Cork Celtic	30	2	4	24	16	67	8

Midas Touch

LITTLE inside-forward Ray Train has an uncanny "Midas" mascot touch in promotion matters. He has played a part in three ascents from Division Two — with Carlisle United in season 1973-74, Sunderland (1975-76), and Bolton Wanderers (1977-78). Now he goes up from Three with Watford!

DAVID Bennett, a promising, 18-year-old midfielder player with Leeds, learned a lot watching his elder brother, John, playing for Rotherham.

A former Rotherham schoolboy player himself, David also won honours at cricket, badminton and basketball while at school.

He joined Leeds in July, 1977, and turned professional last September.



Chester and Wales striker Ian Edwards relaxing with his wife Maureen and dog.

RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

SECOND DIVISION

(Continued)

CARDIFF (1) 2 (Stevens, Kitchener o.g.)
MILLWALL (0) 1 (Chatterton pen.) 7,714
 Cardiff: Healey; Jones, Sullivan, Campbell, Thomas, Roberts, Lewis, Bishop, Evans, Moore (Micallef), Stevens.
 Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Sparrow, Chambers, Kitchener, Blyth, Chatterton, Seaman, Dibble, Walker (Mehmet), O'Callaghan.

CHARLTON (1) 1 (Madden)
PRESTON (0) 1 (Coleman) 5,836
 Charlton: Wood; Campbell, Warman, Tyde-man, Shipperley, Shaw, Powell, Gritt, Robin-son, Madden, Churchouse.
 Preston: Tunks; Bell, Cameron, Taylor, Bax-ter, O'Riordan, Coleman, Haslegrave, Robin-son, Potts, Bruce.

LEICESTER (1) 1 (Buchanan)
STOKE (1) 1 (Busby) 17,502
 Leicester: Wallington; Goodwin, Rofo, Wil-liams, O'Neill, May, Peake, Kelly, Henderson, Buchanan (Christie), Smith.
 Stoke: Jones; Dodd, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Doyle, Randall, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Busby (Heath), Richardson.

LUTON (2) 4 (Hatton 2, Stein, Taylor)
BURNLEY (0) 1 (Noble pen.) 6,466
 Luton: Findlay; Stephens, Aizlewood, Donaghy, Phillipson-Masters, Hill, Moss, West, Stein, Hatton, Birchenall (Taylor).
 Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Robinson, Jakub (Kinson), Ingham, Fletcher, Morley, James.

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Shoulder)
C. PALACE (0) 0 18,860
 Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Blackley, Martin, Barton, Nattrass, Shoulder, Cassidy, Withe, Hibbitt, Connolly.
 Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Kember, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Murphy, Swindlehurst, Fenwick (Hilaire), Walsh.

NOTTS CO. (1) 1 (Blockley)
FULHAM (0) 1 (Guthrie) 9,465
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Blockley, Stubbs, Mann, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks, Hunt, Vinter.
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Lock, Money, Gale, Davies, Beck, Guthrie, Kitchen, Margerrison (Boyd).

ORIENT (2) 3 (Mayo, Coates, Moores)
BRIGHTON (2) 3 (Sayer, Chivers, Clark) 11,567
 Orient: Jackson; Hughton, Roffey, Grealish, Gray, Went, Chiedoie, Mayo, Moores, Whittle, Coates.
 Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Sayer, Rollings, Lawrenson, Ryan, Poskett, Chivers, Clark, O'Sullivan.

WREXHAM (1) 2 (Shinton 2)
OLDHAM (0) 0 8,418
 Wrexham: Davies; Cegielski, Dwyer, Jones, Roberts, Giles, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whit-tle, Cartwright (Fox).
 Oldham: McDonnell; Wood, Edwards, Keegan, Hicks, Hurst, Halom, Stainrod (Hilton), Young, Chapman, Heaton.

THIRD DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Kellow)
BURY (0) 2 (Whitehead 2) 5,451
 Blackpool: Hesford; Malone, Pashley, Hall, Suddaby, McEwan, Kellow, Kerr (Wilson), Spence, Chandler, Weston.
 Bury: Forrest; Lugg, Ritson, Hatton (Mad-don), Whitehead, Bailey, Stanton, Wilson, Beamish, Gregory, Taylor.

CARLISLE (0) 1 (Kemp)
GILLINGHAM (0) 0 5,130
 Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, MacDonald, Tait, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Kemp, Lumby, Ludlam.
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Barker, Over-ton, Weatherley, Hughes, Nicholl, Funnell, Price, White, Armstrong (Jolley).

LINCOLN 0
CHESTER 0 3,489
 Lincoln: Grotier; Hubbard, Laybourne, Flem-ing, Cross, Cooper, Watson (Neale), Ward, Sunley, Harford, Cockerill.

Chester: Lloyd; Nickeas, Burns, Storton, Jef-fries, Oakes, Jones, Livermore, Edwards, Hen-derson, Phillips.

MANSFIELD (0) 0
WATFORD (1) 3 (Jenkins 2, Joslyn) 7,944
 Mansfield: New; Dawkins, Foster (B), Curtis, Saxby, Bird, Carter, Hamilton, Austin, Goodwin (Allen), Martin.
 Watford: Rankin; Stirk, Pritchett, Booth, Bol-ton, Garner, Pollard, Blissett (Cassells), Jen-kins, Joyslyn, Train.

PLYMOUTH (1) 3 (Trusson, Binney pen., Clarke)
HULL (2) 4 (Edwards 2, Skipper, Bannister) 5,816
 Plymouth: Hodge; McNeill, Uzzell (Fear), Harrison, James, Clarke, Megson, Johnson, Binney, Trusson, Rogers.
 Hull: Blackburn; Nisbet, Skipper, Hawker, Croft, Haigh, Roberts, Horswill, Edwards, Ban-nister, Galvin (Hood).

ROTHERHAM 0
OXFORD 0 2,734
 Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Stancliffe, Green, Rhodes, Finney, Phillips, Winn, Carr, Crawford.
 Oxford: Burton; Taylor, Fogg, Briggs, Bodel, Jeffrey, Graydon, Duncan, Berry, Seacole, Hodgson.

SHEFF. WED 0
SWANSEA 0 12,101
 Sheff. W: Turner; Shirtliff, Rushbury, Pick-ering, Mullen, Johnson, Curran, Porterfield, Nimmo, Lowey, Hornsby.
 Swansea: Crudgington; Smith, Bartley, Phil-lips, Stevenson, Boersma, Attley, James, Cur-tis, Waddle, Callaghan.



Paul Clark scored Brighton's third goal in their 3-3 draw with Orient.

SHREWSBURY (0) 2 (Cross pen., King)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0 5,600
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Larkin, Cross, Griffin, Keay, Birch, Atkins, Tong, Biggins, Lindsay.
 Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Carmichael, Doyle, Smith, Ross, Sharkey, Guy (Quow), Cooke, McEwan, Cliss.

SWINDON (0) 1 (Carter)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 6,176
 Swindon: Allan; Trollope, Ford, McHale, Aiz-lewood, Stroud, Miller, Carter, Mayes (Bates), Rowland, Williams.
 Chesterfield: Letheran; Flavell, O'Neill, Hep-polette, Cottam, Tartt, Kowalski, Moss, Fern, Salmons, Walker (Burton).

WALSALL (0) 2 (Williams, Kruse o.g.)
BRENTFORD (3) 3 (Kruse, Phillips 2) 3,840
 Walsall: Turner; Macken, Caswell, Jones (Williams), Serella, Sbragia, Birch, McDonough, Syrett, Penn, Waddington.
 Brentford: Bond; Salman, Tucker, McNichol, Kruse, Fraser, Glover, Shrubbs, Alder, McCul-loch (Graham W.), Phillips.

FOURTH DIVISION

ALDRESHOT (1) 1 (Dungworth)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0 4,215
 Aldershot: Johnson; Edwards (Dixon), How-itt, Longhorn, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Tom-lin, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.
 Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Holmes, Hanvey, Sutton, Fletcher, Hart, Arm-strong, Robins, Bielby (Gray).

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0
BARNLEY (2) 2 (Little, Bell) 3,265
 Bournemouth: Allen; Cunningham, Ferns, Miller, Brown (R), Borthwick, Holder, Benjafield (Lennard), Butler (M), Scott, Massey.
 Barnley: Springett; Collins, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Little, Riley, Graham, Millar, Bell.

CREWE (0) 0
READING (2) 2 (Kearney, Alexander) 1,856
 Crewe: Rogan; Hughes, Dulson, Purdie, Bowles, Bevan, Davies (Wilshaw), Cheetham, Coyne, Warnock, Nelson.
 Reading: Death; Peters, White, Sanchez, Hicks, Bennett, Alexander, Hetzke, Kearney, Shipley, Lewis.

DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Peachey)
NEWPORT (0) 0 1,518
 Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Cochrane, Hedley, Craig, Stone, Lyons, Wann, Walsh (Crosson), Ferguson, Peachey.
 Newport: Plumley; Walden, Relish, Davies, Oakes, Bruton, Bailey, Lowndes, Goddard, Tynan, Moore.

GRIMSBY (2) 2 (Cumming, Ford)
STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Lee) 7,495
 Grimsby: Batch; Moore (D), Moore (K), Waters, Wigginton, Crombie, Brolly, Ford, Les-ter, Liddell (Drinkell), Cumming.
 Stockport: Lawson; Thorpe, Rutter, Seddon, Halford, Armstrong, Henson, Summerbee (Sumner), Bradd, Prudham, Lee.

HALIFAX (2) 2 (Trainer, Johnson)
WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Ketteridge) 1,576
 Halifax: Kilner; Hutt, Dunleavy, Smith, Trainer, Sidebottom, Firth, Kennedy, Mount-ford, Johnson (Nixon), Loska.
 Wimbledon: Goddard; Perkins (Parsons), Haverson, Briley, Galvin, Cunningham, Gal-liers, Denny, Knowles, Cork, Ketteridge.

HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Lawrence, Houchen)
BRADFORD C (0) 2 (Jackson, Hutchins) 2,143
 Hartlepool: Richardson; Smith (G) (Smith, T), Gorry, Harding, Goldthorpe, Ayre, Linacre, Houchen, Crumplin, Lawrence, Loadwick.
 Bradford: Smith; Podd, Watson, Jackson, Middleton, Wood, Robertson, Dolan, Bates, McNiven, Hutchins.

HEREFORD (2) 3 (McGrellis, Gould 2)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Kilmore pen.) 2,859
 Hereford: Hughes; Hunt, Thomas, Strong, Layton, Emery, Feeley, Hendry, Gould, McGrel-lis, White.
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; O'Donnell, Peacock (Davy), Oates, Deere, Czuczman, Grimes, Kil-more, Earl, Kavanagh, Bloomer.

PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Garwood)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 8,066
 Portsmouth: Mellor; Ellis (Lathan), Milligan, Denyer, Foster, Davey, Pullar, Wilson, Gar-wood, Showers, Bryant.
 Northampton: Jayes; Geidmintis, Mead, Saunders, Robertson, Farrington, Williams, Matthews, McCaffrey (Ashenden), Reilly, Frog-gatt.

PORT VALE 0
YORK 0 2,712
 Port Vale: Dance; Keenan, Griffiths, Beech, Delgado, Hawkins, Farrell, Todd, Wright, Sinc-lair, Healy.
 York: Neenan; Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Ford, Randall, Loggie, McDonald, Stanforth.

ROCHDALE (0) 2 (Owen 2)
DONCASTER (0) 0 1,606
 Rochdale: Felgate; Hart, Scott, Taylor, Creamer, Snookes, Scaife (Hilditch), O'Lough-lin, Jones, Owen, Esser.
 Doncaster: Peacock; Lister, Olney, Snodin, Bradley, Lally, Laidlaw, Meagan, French, Bent-ley, Pugh.

TORQUAY (0) 1 (Payne)
WIGAN (1) 1 (Houghton) 2,969
 Torquay: Turner; Twitchin, Ritchie, Green, Payne, Dunne, Davies, Wilson (Murphy), Law-rence, Cooper, Coffill.
 Wigan: Brown; Curtis, Smart, Gore, Ward, Fretwell, Corrigan, Wright, Moore, Houghton, Purdie.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

ABERDEEN 0
HIBS 0 9,000
 Aberdeen: Gardiner; Kennedy, McLelland, Cooper (Hamilton), McLeish (Rougvie), Miller, McGhee, Watson, Harper, Jarvie, Strachan.



Arsenal's Frank Stapleton grabbed the only goal of the game against Spurs.

Hibs: McArthur; Brazil, Duncan, Bremner, Stewart, McNamara, Rae, MacLeod, Campbell, Callaghan, Brown.

CELTIC (1) 2 (Conroy, Lynch pen.)
PARTICK (0) 0 19,000
 Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, Lynch, Aitken, Edvaldsson, McLeod, Provan, Conroy, David-son, Burns, Dgyle.
 Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Gib-son, Campbell (Houston), Anderson, O'Hara, Melrose (Somner), McAdam, Love, Park.

DUNDEE UTD (0) 2 (Hegarty, Kirkwood)
ST. MIRREN (0) 0 6,066
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Stewart, Stark, Flem-ing, Hegarty, Narey, Addison, Sturrock, Dodds, Holt, Kirkwood.
 St. Mirren: Thomson; Young, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Richardson, Stark, Bone, Abercrombie, McGarvey.

HEARTS (1) 3 (Dempsey o.g., Fraser 2, 1 pen.)
MOTHERWELL (0) 0 7,000
 Hearts: Allan; Kidd, Brown, Liddell, Jeffries, Shaw, Gibson (McQuade), Fraser, O'Connor, Busby, Robertson.
 Motherwell: Rennie; McLeod, Wark, Car-berry, Dempsey, Stevens, Smith, Pettigrew, Clinging, Irvine, Donnolly (Larnach).

RANGERS (0) 1 (Cooper)
MORTON (1) 1 (Russell) 14,500
 Rangers: McCloy; Miller (Parlane), Dawson, Jardine, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Rus-sell, Urquhart, Smith, Cooper.
 Morton: Baines; Miller, Holmes, Evans, Orr, Rooney, Russell, McLaren, Hutchinson, McNeill (Tolmie), Ritchie.

MONDAY, APRIL 9

SECOND DIVISION

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Carr o.g.)
LUTON (0) 0 25,498
 West Ham: Parkes; McDowell, Brush, Bonds, Martin, Taylor (T), Holland, Devonshire, Mor-gan, Pike, Robson.
 Luton: Findlay; Stephens, Aizlewood, Donaghy, Phillipson-Masters, Carr, Hill, West, Stein, Hatton, Moss (Taylor).

FOURTH DIVISION

STOCKPORT (1) 2 (Lee 2, 1 pen.)
ALDRESHOT (1) 2 (Dungworth pen., Henson o.g.) 2,190
 Stockport: Lawson; Halford, Rutter, Edwards, Thorpe, Armstrong, Henson, Sumner, Bradd, Prudham, Lee.
 Aldershot: Johnson; Howitt, Scott, Longhorn, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Tomlin, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.
 Postponed: First Division: Q.P.R. v. Bir-mingham; Third Division: Mansfield v. Ches-terfield; Fourth Division: Bradford C. v. Don-caster; Halifax v. Hartlepool; Huddersfield v. Barnsley.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Stapleton)
TOTTENHAM (0) 0 54,041
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Walford, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Price, Rix.

Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, McAllister, Holmes, Miller, Perryman, Pratt, Taylor, Jones, Hoddle, Villa.

BRISTOL C. (0) 3 (Rodgers, Mabbutt, Meyer)
CHELSEA (0) 1 (Langley pen.) 18,645
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Cooper, Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Mann (Whitehead), Ritchie, Royle, Mabbutt, Meyer.
 Chelsea: Borota; Wilkins (G), Stride, Bannan, Droy, Nutton, Harris, Wilkins (R), Aylott, Langley, Fillery.

EVERTON (1) 3 (Ross, Latchford, Kidd)
COVENTRY (3) 3 (Wallace 2, Hunt) 25,302
 Everton: Wood; Barton, Jones, Lyons, Wright, Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford (Telfer), Kidd, Eastoe.
 Coventry: Sealey; Roberts, McDonald, Yorath, Holton, Coop, Nardiello (Blair), Wallace, Hunt, Powell, Hutchison.

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Ashcroft)
LEEDS (0) 0 23,260
 Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Johnson, Mahoney, Boam, McAndrew, Hodgson, Proctor, Ashcroft (Jankovic), Burns, Armstrong.
 Leeds: Harvey; Hird, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Cherry, Gray (E), Hankin (Stevenson), Hawley, Madeley, Graham.

WOLVES (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Hansen) 30,857
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, McAlle, Berry, Hibbitt, Daley, Rafferty, Richards, Carr.
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Johnson, Case, McDermott, Souness.

SECOND DIVISION

BURNLEY (1) 1 (Hall)
NEWCASTLE (0) 0 7,742
 Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Jakub, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Hall, Ingham, Fletcher (Morley), Kindon, James.
 Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Blackley, Martin, Barton, Nattrass, Shoulder, Cassidy, Withe, Hibbitt, Connolly.

C. PALACE (1) 1 (Swindlehurst)
CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Spriggs) 21,795
 Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Kember, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas (Smillie), Murphy, Swindlehurst, Hilaire, Walsh.
 Cambridge: Webster; Graham, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Buckley, Christie (Streete), Spriggs, Murray, Finney, Biley.

MILLWALL (1) 2 (Chambers 2, 1 pen.)
ORIENT (0) 0 6,117
 Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Sparrow, Chambers, Kitchener, Tagg, O'Callaghan (Dibble), Seaman, Mitchell, Mehmet, Chatterton.
 Orient: Jackson; Hughton, Roffey, Grealish, Gray (N), Went, Chiedozie, Moores, Mayo, Whittle, Coates.

SHEFF. UTD. (1) 5 (McPhail, Speight 2, Sabella, Anderson)
NOTTS CO. (0) 1 (McCulloch) 15,816
 Sheff. U: Conroy; Cutbush, Tibbott, Kenworthy (Brown), McPhail, Speight, Anderson, Rioch, Finnieston, Sabella, Hamson.
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Blockley, Stubbs, Mann, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks, Hunt, Vinter.

THIRD DIVISION

GILLINGHAM (1) 3 (White pen., Price 2)
WALSALL (0) 1 (Syrett) 7,342
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Armstrong, Overton, Weatherley, Hughes, Nicholl, White, Price, Westwood, Funnell.
 Walsall: Turner; Macken, Caswell, Jones, Serella, Sbragia, Birch, Williams, Syrett, Waddington, Rees.

SWANSEA (1) 1 (James)
SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Atkins) 19,566
 Swansea: Crudgington; Phillips, Bartley, Smith, Stevenson, Charles (Toshak), Attley, James, Curtiss, Waddle, Callaghan.
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Larkin, Cross, Griffin, Keay, Birch, Atkins, Tong, Biggins, Lindsay.

FOURTH DIVISION

CREWE (2) 2 (Coyne 2)
NORTHAMPTON (1) 4 (Robertson, Farrington, Froggatt, Williams) 1,291
 Crewe: Rogan; Wilkinson, Dulson, Purdie, Bowles, Bevan, Robertson, Cheetham, Warlock, Coyne, Nelson.
 Northampton: Poole; Geidmintis, Mead, Saunders, Robertson, Farrington, Williams, Matthews, McCaffrey (Ashenden), Reilly, Froggatt.
SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Craig o.g.)
DARLINGTON (0) 0 1,372
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; Czuczman, O'Donnell, Oates, Deere, Hall, Grimes, Kilmore, Pilling (Peacock), Kavanagh, Couch.
 Darlington: Burleigh; Stone, Crosson, Hedley, Craig, Nattress, Lyons, Wann, Walsh, Ferguson, Peachey.

WIMBLEDON (3) 4 (Cork 2, Leslie, Parsons)
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0 3,205
 Wimbledon: Goddard; Haverson, Donaldson, Galliers, Bowgett, Cunningham, Leslie, Briley (Driver), Knowles, Cork, Parsons.
 Bournemouth: Allen; Miller, Ferns, Impey, Brown (R), Holder, Borthwick, MacDougall, Butler (M), (Brown (K)), Lennard, Massey.

Postponed: Newport v. Hereford; Rochdale v. Huddersfield.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

RANGERS (2) 3 (Cooper, MacDonald, Smith)
MOTHERWELL (0) 0 8,000
 Rangers: McCloy; Miller, Dawson, Jardine, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.
 Motherwell: Rennie; McLeod, Wark, Carberry (Larnach), Dempsey, Stevens, Smith, Pettigrew, Clinging, Irvine, Donnolly (Wilson).



John Robertson scored with a header v. Cologne in the European Cup.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

EUROPEAN CUP (Semi-Final first-leg)

NOTTM. FOREST (1) 3 (Birtles, Bowyer, Robertson)
FC COLOGNE (2) 3 (Van Gool, Muller, Okudera) 40,804
 Nottm. F: Shilton; Barrett, Bowyer, McGovern, Lloyd, Needham, O'Neill, Gemmill (Clark), Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.
 Cologne: Schumacher; Knopka, Zimmermann, Schuster, Gerber, Cullman, Van Gool, Glowacz (Okudera), Muller, Neumann, Prestin.

FIRST DIVISION

ASTON VILLA (1) 3 (Cowans 2, Gidman pen.)
DERBY (2) 3 (Greenwood, Powell, Gibson o.g.) 21,884
 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Gibson, Ormsbv, McNaught, Mortimer (Williams), Cowans, Little, Deehan, Cropley, Swain.
 Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Caskey, McFarland, Wicks, Emson, Powell, Greenwood, Moreland, Crawford.

MAN. UTD. (1) 1 (Buchan)
BOLTON (0) 2 (Worthington 2) 49,617
 Man. U: Bailey; Nicholl, Albiston, McLroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Ritchie, Jordan, Macari, Thomas.
 Bolton: McDonagh; Graham, Dunne, Greaves, Jones, Walsh, Morgan, Whatmore, Gowing Worthington, Smith.

SECOND DIVISION

FULHAM (2) 2 (Kitchen, Lock pen.)
CARDIFF (2) 2 (Dwyer, Money o.g.) 6,067
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Mason, Lock, Money, Gale, Davies, Beck, Guthrie, Kitchen, Boyd (Margerrison).
 Cardiff: Healey; Jones, Sullivan, Campbell, Pontin, Dwyer, Bishop, Evans, Moore, Stevens, Buchanan.

THIRD DIVISION

EXETER (0) 1 (Sims)
SWINDON (2) 2 (Bates, Rowland) 5,548
 Exeter: Main; Templeman, Hore, Bowker, Giles, Roberts, Neville, Rogers, Sims, Delve, Hatch.
 Swindon: Allan; Trollope, Ford, McHale, Aizlewood, Stroud, Miller, Carter, Rowland, Bates (Gilchrist), Hamilton.

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HOME DEFEATS WRECKED COVENTRY'S EUROPEAN AIMS

COVENTRY City's immediate aim is to sign two quality players. "But that's easier said than done," says team boss, Gordon Milne. "It's better if I don't say in which departments, because they never come along in the way that you want them."

"The transfer market is very difficult and, like any other manager in the First Division, I would love to strengthen our team, but everybody seems in the same frame of mind and in the same boat."

"Managers either put astronomical fees on players or they don't want to let them go."

What about Coventry's interest in Trevor Francis before he signed for Nottingham Forest? "That came at a time when it would have been a very bold and big step for this club to take. It was a positive inclination. The directors here are prepared to find the money for the right people."

"We just felt that Trevor was something a bit special and he could have made a tremendous difference to what we were trying to achieve. It was a lot of money. We'd have had to find the money, but we were prepared to take a gamble."

Over the past two years Coventry have made pretty big strides.

"Comparisons have got to be made," says Milne. "The season

before last we played quite positively and scored 75 goals. Only Everton with 76 totalled more."

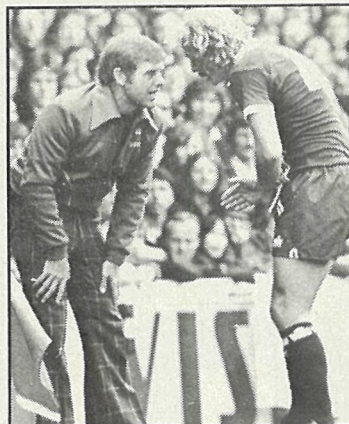
"Looking back on 1978-79 from the positive angle, we could have possibly bettered that, or at least matched it, if we'd strung together more consistent performances. We suffered heavy defeats: seven at West Brom, five at Bristol and four at Southampton. We overcame this when we embarked on a run where we lost one game in 13 outings, and that was to Forest."

But just as Coventry seemed to be getting a grip on the defensive situation Q.P.R. slammed in five at Loftus Road, and nobody needed to tell The Sky Blues boss where his problems lay.

Even so, the club did have a marvellous opportunity in their bid to qualify for Europe.

"We had three home games on the trot during the bad weather and had gone nearly 11 months without losing at home," says Milne (above with Yorath). "Yet we lost those matches at the hands of Spurs, Manchester City and West Brom."

"After having such a good home record those defeats came as a bitter blow, and it could have been the influential factor that wrecked



our European chances.

"Where I am disappointed, and it's something which we've got to try and overcome next season, is that we didn't get a run in either Cup competition. Chester knocked us out of the League Cup and West Brom bundled us out of the F.A. Cup in a replay at The Hawthorns."

"Success in this area obviously creates the right sort of interest and stimulates people. But we were never involved and it doesn't leave you much if you're not stringing together consistent League performances."

"We've had our share of misfortune, but I've been pleased with the way a lot of our players have adapted — and they've had to adapt. We've had to look at our style and think about it. I've learned, not so much in defeat, but when everything has been happening. I can only hope that we don't make the same mistakes

next term."

Despite the setbacks, Milne is approaching the 80's in the same positive and attacking vein.

"We attack teams and there's no way we are going to change that."

"We want to use wingers and to play down the flanks. We believe in this. There have been times, last term, when we've had to adapt and play three recognised wingers up-front. Steve Hunt has filled the centre-forward berth and he's done very well."

At Highfield Road there can be few arguments that Garry Thompson has been a great discovery.

"Wallace and Ferguson were the First Division's leading scoring duo the season before last," says Milne. "But Fergie has had his injury problems and the kid's come in and he's done a fabulous job. Every week you could see him getting better. His injury was a sickener, especially the way it happened in training."

"Terry Yorath has been in and out suffering more injuries than he's had for a long time. He's a bit of a corner stone for us. We build round him. He's a fine example to any player and his attitude and approach to the game are first class."

"Nardiello has taken some stick from the crowd, but he's won a battle. He's a very willing lad and he's learning the game."

"The attendance figures at Highfield Road have remained constant. We've got our hardcore with the fringe people coming in for the bigger matches. I don't think the Coventry public have been too bad to us at all, really."

HOME WINS STOPPED BORO GOING DOWN

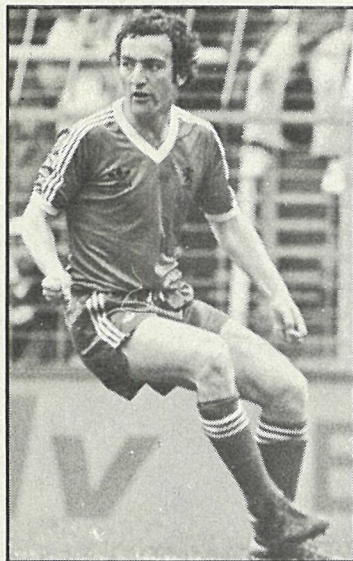
AFTER being tipped as possible relegation candidates in January, Middlesbrough fought back impressively to completely abolish any thoughts of a descent to Division Two at the end of the season.

The Ayresome Park club's striker, Mickey Burns (right), is in no doubt about what triggered off the revival.

"It was the icy weather early in the year," he explains. "During this spell, which affected Boro's home programme more than most, we were forced to play most of our matches away — then at the end of it, we found ourselves with a glut of home games. On our own pitch, we gathered the points and gained the confidence which had been lacking for several months."

In the months preceding their comeback, Middlesbrough had not only been struggling to find their form — they had also sold top-scorer David Mills to West Bromwich for £516,000. And without Mills, many concluded that Boro were doomed to a bottom spot in the table.

Burns recalls: "Things looked bad. But I always reckoned that there was enough talent available



at the club to guarantee that we stayed up. And the form of youngsters who have been drafted into the side has borne that out. David Hodgson, Mark Proctor, Peter Johnson and Ian Bailey have all done exceptionally well for us.

"These young players have been brought into the team in just the right proportion, two or three at a time. This has given the more experienced men the opportunity to look after the youngsters, so that they were able to settle in nicely."

"When I mention experience, I think of Jim Platt, who returned in goal for us, and has shown by his record how effective he is."

Ever since their promotion in 1974, when Middlesbrough won the Second Division Championship by an emphatic 15 points, there have been plenty of critics who maintained that the Teessiders are not a First Division club.

And Mickey's reply is: "In Middlesbrough's first three seasons in the top flight, Jackie Charlton consolidated the club's position. So how can a team that has been in the First Division for the last five seasons be classed as one that doesn't belong there? It's only when a side is relegated that it can be described as second class."

"What caused a lot of criticism to be directed at Middlesbrough this season was the fact that they got off to such a bad start — only four points were picked up out of

the opening nine games. It took us a long time to get over this, but the period in which we played seven out of nine matches at home put us on the right path in the Spring."

"And now that we've gained a belief in ourselves, I can only see Middlesbrough improving. We are helped, too, by having a bigger pool of players available, being able to call on 16, as against the previous 12 or 13."

Certainly, a run of success by Boro which gained them 19 points from 12 matches late in the season, indicates that the North-Eastern club is well able to hold its own in Division One. In the past, though, Middlesbrough have promised much, but achieved little, a factor which does not depress Mickey Burns, even if lack of goalscoring ability is a charge levelled at the Teessiders.

He says: "The attack functioned much better, playing a part in the overall winning team displays, which I hope will be maintained next term. What I'm looking forward to in August is a flying start by Middlesbrough which is vitally important in getting the side into the right frame of mind — then we'll have to stay that way."



The good form of Len Cantello (left) and Brendon Batson played a vital part in West Brom's successful season.

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FOCUS ON STEVE WILLIAMS

Southampton

FULL NAME: Steven Williams
BIRTHPLACE: Hammersmith
BIRTHDATE: 12th July, 1958
HEIGHT: 5ft 10½in
WEIGHT: 10st 10lb
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: No
CAR: Fiat X19
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Alan Ball, my team-mate
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Arsenal
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: I've a few
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My England Under-21 debut against Scotland in 1977.
BIGGEST THRILL: Playing for my country
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Yugoslavia in the European Under-21 Championship Semi-Finals in 1978
FAVOURITE FOOD: Fish and chips in a bag
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Playing other sports and listening to records
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Injuries and losing
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Porridge, the Two Ronnies, Fawlty Towers and T.V. films
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Three Degrees, Rod Stewart and Bob Dylan
FAVOURITE ACTRESS: Susan St. James
BEST FRIEND: I like to think I've a few close mates
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My family
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Injuries and losing
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Under-21 caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To gain full honours
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: Winning the F.A. Cup
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A brain surgeon
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Muhammad Ali

Steve Williams

I HAVE always looked forward to England/Scotland clashes since I was old enough to appreciate their significance. This Saturday's game is no exception . . . except I had set my heart on playing instead of watching.

I wrote to Jock Stein a month ago telling him I wouldn't be available for the games in May and June. I *could* have played, but I didn't want to cheat anyone.

It wasn't obvious to the fans, but I'd not been my old self since returning from my cartilage operation. A piece of the cartilage was, it turned out, still in the knee, and was restricting my movement. So I decided to give the knee a complete rest.

Earlier this month I had a small operation and I hope the trouble is cleared up once and for all. As I said, I could have played on, even though my knee had to be drained of fluid after each match. However,

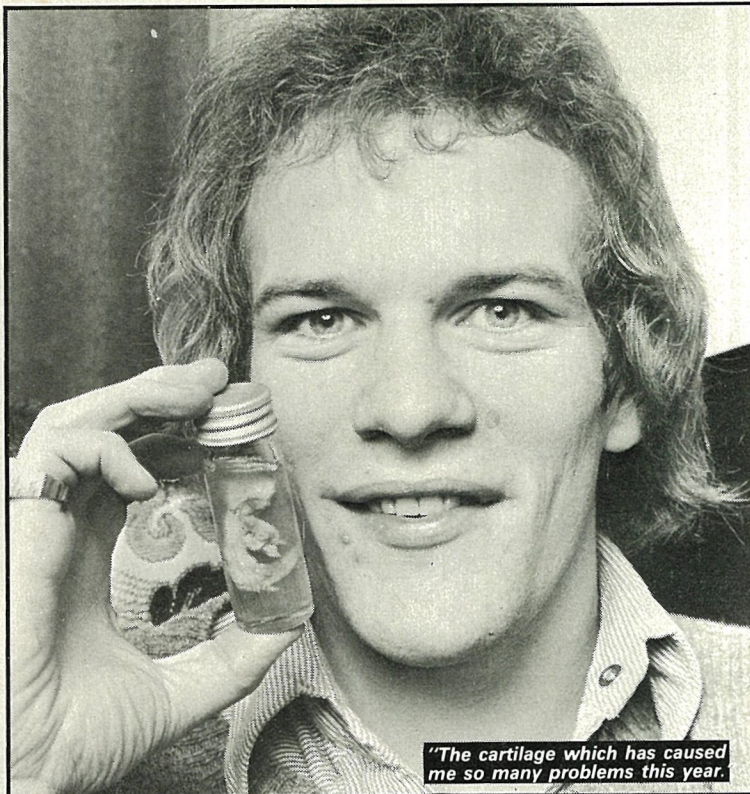
unless I'm 100 per cent, I don't want to play; 99 per cent simply isn't good enough.

I'll be training through the summer, even on holiday. I plan to go to Greece and Los Angeles and I'm sure there will be a beach somewhere I can run along. I've had so many setbacks in the past two years I didn't want to risk anything.

There is no doubt in my mind I can find the form that brought me into the limelight. I realise there are question marks against my fitness and I fully understand why. The best of Andy Gray is yet to come and fortunately my confidence hasn't been shaken. There are many goals left in me, I promise you!

As I write, I don't know where I'll be for the England/Scotland match. One of my brothers was so convinced I'd be playing he's been saving since the last trip to Wembley two years ago!

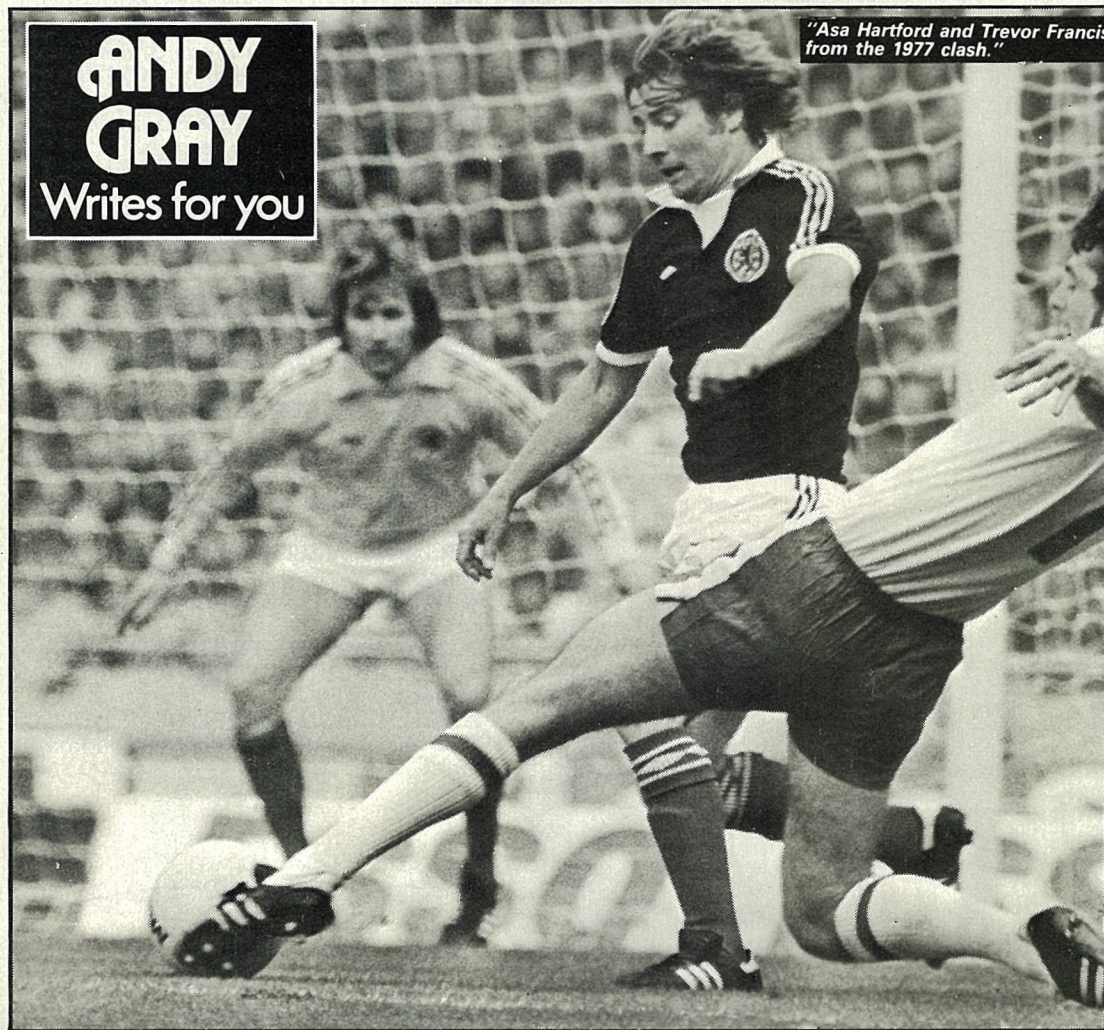
It will be one of the biggest



"The cartilage which has caused me so many problems this year."

'Scotland favourites to beat

ANDY GRAY
Writes for you



"Asa Hartford and Trevor Francis from the 1977 clash."

regrets of my career if I never play in an England/Scotland game. I've been involved in clashes at junior level, but I've set my heart on being involved in the real thing.

Just watching the matches brings a glow to my cheeks and to actually play must be very special.

Two years ago I was on the ITV panel, with Jock Stein working for the BBC. We also met up last summer during the World Cup when we were again working for television and I got to know Mr. Stein quite well.

I think he'll try to play down the game at Wembley, but his words will fall on deaf ears as far as the thousands of loyal Scotland fans are concerned.

Rightly or wrongly, this is THE match for them, even though victory in Norway on June 7th is, of course, more important. Let me put it like this: if we beat England and lose in Norway, the blow will be softened for the supporters!

However, I can't see Scotland losing and I'd go as far as to make us favourites for this weekend's game.

The players know how much it means to the fans to win, which is

why Scotland always put a super-human effort into the England game. I believe it has become even more important to win in recent years as the attitude of several England players has changed to be almost Scottish! They, too, dearly want to win, and don't regard it as "just another game".

England/Scotland is the perfect finale to the season — I love it. I shall make sure I remind every Englishman of the result if we win ... just as they will me should the worst happen and England come out on top.

Every dressing-room has its England/Scotland banter; all in good fun, of course.

I'm confident, but not over-confident we can win. Over-confidence has been the downfall of Scotland at times, especially against smaller countries.

Maybe I'm putting my head on the chopping-board, but I don't fancy Ron Greenwood's England too much.

I think Jock Stein will send out a better balanced team, who will give everything for the manager to record his first victory over Ron Greenwood.

Okay, England's results over the

and I remember it as a game without too many clear-cut chances. Gordon McQueen headed a beauty, with Kenny Dalglish scrambling in our second. We began to panic a little in the final stages and allowed England to score, but we were worthy winners.

Sadly, the silly antics of some Scotland fans after the game took much of the glory from our victory. It was their misbehaviour that made the headlines rather than the result. I can understand their enthusiasm, but no one can condone a pitch invasion and I hope there isn't a repeat of 1977 this Saturday.

Last year England gained their revenge, winning 1-0 at Hampden Park. In the early stages, England were under a lot of pressure, with Ray Clemence looking a little shaky. England and Ray recovered to settle down and snatch victory, when a draw would have been a fairer result.

To the fans, only the result matters, so it is no consolation to have played the better football in defeat. It's important to the managers and coaches how the teams play ... but for Scotland followers, defeat of the "enemy" is the only important factor.

England'



"Greenwood and Keegan — the England boss relies heavily on Kevin."

past 18 months have been good. From what I've seen, Kevin Keegan has been the deciding factor in many and I'm sure even Scotland fans would admit Kevin is a great player.

I admire Mr. Greenwood for remaining faithful to his players. Even so, there's something I don't like about the side ... but I'm not giving away any secrets.

Having said that, Scotland will miss Archie Gemmill and John Robertson, who will be helping Nottingham Forest, hopefully, to beat Malmö in Munich next Wednesday. I believe Mr. Stein wanted to make John his winger and certainly Robbo's pace and accuracy are an asset to any team.

Every Scot will be happy with a repeat of our last Wembley result: 2-1. We played well that afternoon

Both Ron Greenwood and Jock Stein will have used the British Championship in preparation for the European Championship ties in Bulgaria and Norway.

On Saturday, though, those games will be forgotten. Roll on three o'clock when the action commences!

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This week's Star Letter comes from Christine Nettugh of Aberdeen, who wins our Special Prize of £3. She writes:

MORE THAN TWO SCOTTISH CLUBS

I HAVE loyally supported Aberdeen since I was seven (I'm 18 now) and I'm sick to the back teeth of being described on national T.V. and in the contemporary Scottish (and English!) Press as the supporter of a "provincial" club.

Too many people feel only two clubs exist in Scotland — Celtic and Rangers. Obscure teams such as Alloa are pronounced as a Hawaiian greeting; Forfar as two words and Brechin is mauled about no end.

I have even heard — The Kop take note — Kenny Dalglish's name being made to rhyme with "fish".

Every weekend, it's a safe bet either Rangers or Celtic will be on television; if they lose, they are "unlucky". It also appears the Glasgow clubs have referees on their side at times, too.

When following The Dons to Bulgaria, we found the people there had heard of just two Scottish teams — guess which? In one case we came across a real Mastermind who knew ... Hearts and Dundee as well!

I am sorry that even SHOOT has a tendency to ignore us. Tartan Talk has been dominated by Celtic and Rangers players; they do not make Scottish football.

The 12,000 who regularly turn up at Pittodrie (a higher average home gate than either Rangers or Celtic, incidentally) do not like being metaphorically exiled North of the Clyde just because we don't wear blue or green scarves.

Oh, congratulations on your Club Spotlights on other Scottish clubs: St. Mirren, Partick Thistle, Dundee United and, of course, Aberdeen.

● We think we give "other" Scottish clubs fair coverage, but there is no denying Celtic and Rangers are the Big Two and have dominated the honours recently. Personally, I'd like to see Aberdeen or someone else break the Glasgow monopoly of the title; it would give Scottish soccer a shot in the arm.

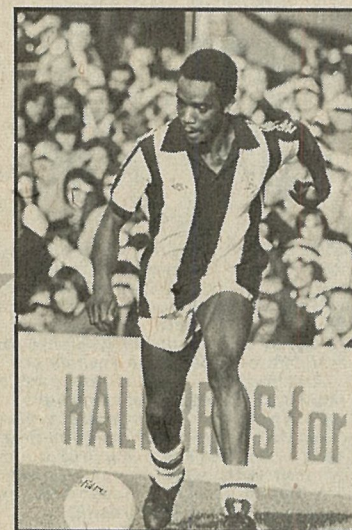
SHIN-PADS

I AM surprised to see the number of professional players who don't wear shin-pads. I am forever being told to use them. In a recent game I was kicked on the shin and had I not been wearing pads could have been seriously injured. The F.A. should lay down a ruling to make

shin-pads compulsory.

KEVIN BOLDERO, NORWICH.

● Most players wear them; those who don't run a big risk. Strangely, it's those who are most likely to be kicked ... the ball-players ... who don't use them, like West Brom's Laurie Cunningham (pictured below).



NICE GARDEN

I NOTICED after the League Cup Final, Southampton captain Alan Ball picked up a piece of the Wembley turf. If he had done that every time he'd played at Wembley Ballie would have a nice garden by now.

DAMEN BIGGS, TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

● Not really — the Wembley turf isn't what it used to be and I've seen small clubs with much better surfaces.

ONLY ONE GEORDIE CLUB

I READ in SHOOT not too long ago about "the two Geordie Giants" in Division Two. I lived on Tyneside for 25 years and the only team known as Geordies are Newcastle United. A small criticism, but please don't insult us Geordies by classifying us with any other area. You wouldn't call a fan born in Leeds a Cockney — and Sunderland supporters are as much Geordies as the man in the moon!

P. COYLE, SOUTH NORWOOD.

● Apologies to both Newcastle and Sunderland fans for this slip-up. And let's hope United and Sunderland will soon be in Division One, because that's where both these North-East clubs belong.

THERE was a tragic death during a game in Marilia, in the state of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Luiz Henrique, a 17-year-old junior player, was hit in the stomach by a shot. He was revived and continued to play. In jumping to head the ball, the player over-balanced, fell on the nape of his neck and died instantaneously.

WHY FOREST MUST WIN

IF Forest beat Malmö in the European Cup Final England will have four clubs in the 1980/81 U.E.F.A. Cup. The method of deciding how many clubs each country will have from that date is being changed. In a nutshell, U.E.F.A. have awarded points for each country's clubs' performances in Europe from 1973/74. West Germany and Holland are certain of four clubs in the 1980/81 U.E.F.A. Cup, and England will have four qualifiers if Forest beat Malmö. If not, Belgium will have four. A Forest victory would give England a 0.08 point lead over Belgium!

A LOT OF BULL



SUPPORTERS of Chile's farming region's sole representatives in the national League, Nublense, are being asked to donate young bulls to the club to help its financial situation. Apparently, by selling one bull Nublense can maintain one player for a whole year!

Just imagine if clubs in other parts of the world started similar campaigns. ... the Americans would present their clubs with peanuts and pop-corn; Brazilians with coffee and a couple of drums; Spanish with some oranges. Chances are there'd be a strike over here and supplies couldn't get through!

How Spanish stars fiddle their income tax

ONE of the unfortunate backlashes for Spanish footballers following their recent strike is the tax-man is beginning to get tough with them. The players went on strike because they wanted to be 'treated like other workers' and now Hacienda (the Spanish equivalent of the Inland Revenue) is determined to do just that!

Up till now, one of the great advantages of playing in Spain has been that taxation levels are generally much lower than in other European countries, and also the clubs have been happy to help players outwit Hacienda.

The system is quite simple, the club and the player sign an official contract showing ridiculously low salary figures and file this with the authorities.

They then draw up a private contract which shows the real figures! When the tax-man knocks on the door, the bogus contract is produced, and the amount of tax paid is usually laughably low.

But Hacienda are fighting back, and their latest move is to publish detailed lists of the amounts

declared and the actual tax paid. They've just published the lists for 1977, and they make interesting reading.

It seems the Basques of Athletic Bilbao are the most honest, and their midfielder Irureta and goalkeeper Iribar made the highest declarations — around £45,000 apiece on which they paid about £14,000 in tax.

Meanwhile Barcelona's Johan Neeskens paid £13,000 tax on a

supposed income of £36,000 — about a quarter of what he actually earned! And in case you're wondering about superstars like Kempes, Jensen (below, left), Pereira, Stielike (right) and so on — they didn't even bother to declare anything in 1977!

Superstars apart, I had to laugh at the return made by Español's 27-year-old full-back Fernando Molinos. He insisted he made only £47 a week and that meant he paid a total of £3.12 in tax during the whole year, at an average of 6p a week!

Hacienda's new get-tough policy aims to change all this, but the 'secret contract' system is a tough nut to crack. The tax inspectors have to try to guess correct figures and then 'negotiate' with the players — all of which taxes their imagination and little else!



WORLD WIDE

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Nice gesture

TOTTENHAM'S Argentinian duo of Ardiles and Villa created a good impression back home in Argentina when they sent a friendly letter to the players in Menotti's international squad preparing for the European tour.

They expressed their satisfaction that Menotti and his aides ("the best managerial team in the world") are to continue in charge of the national team, and go on to hope all the hard work and sacrifices that led to the 1978 World Cup win will serve as a guide to all the new members of the squad.

"Some of you will have to overcome serious difficulties," they warn. "But today you are the representatives of the world's top footballing nation, and we sincerely hope you feel the immense responsibility and pride that this entails, and we promise you can always count on us both as fellow professionals and friends."

A nice gesture from the Spurs' duo, and one which has been much appreciated back in Buenos Aires.



WELL DONE, KEV

KEVIN Keegan with a special award he received before HSV's recent game against Borussia Dortmund. The trophy was made by Birmingham policeman Ray Egan and the inscription says: "Presented on behalf of all your British fans with best wishes, 1979." The trophy is a tribute to Kevin's European Footballer of the Year selection.

SURPRISES IN FRENCH CUP

SOME big surprises in the French Cup, where four of the last eight are not First Division teams. Modest Second Division side Angoulême continued their giant-killing Cup run with a great 3-1 aggregate win over First Division Nancy, while another Second Division side, Gueugnon, pulled off an amazing coup by beating mighty Saint-Etienne 3-2 on aggregate.

Gueugnon are a humble, shoestring outfit with a president named Monsieur Gin, and their Cup run is certainly a tonic for the fans.

For the record, the last eight teams are: Angoulême, Gueugnon, Avignon, Auxerre, Strasbourg, Marseille, Lille and Nantes.



Bulgaria's national team lost 2-1 to First Division club Marek Stanke Dimitrov. This is the side which lined up against Northern Ireland in Sofia, where England play on June 6th.



HOW BRAZIL HOPE TO RESTORE THEIR PRESTIGE

IT really looks like things in Brazilian football are going to change a lot in the next few months. The newly appointed head of the National Confederation of Sports, a government body that supervises all sports in the country, has said he will create a Brazilian Football Confederation — a Brazilian F.A. — that will in fact take football away from the organisation that so far has represented it before the world and that is known as CBD, or Confederação Brasileira de Desportos.

From now on, CBD will only deal with minor amateur sports and will eventually disappear when even these minor sports have created their own confederations. Its president, Admiral Heleno Nunes, also seems headed for the garbage bin.

Elections will be held for the Brazilian Football Confederation and it is most likely the newly appointed head of the National Confederation of Sports himself, Senhor Giulite Coutinho, will run and be elected. In this case, he will leave his other job.

Senhor Coutinho, who is no relation to coach Cláudio Coutinho (right), wants him to take the full-time job of managing the Brazilian team and wants, as he says: "to restore the former prestige of Brazilian football".

1.FC Kaiserslautern, challenging for the Bundesliga title, have been worried that their forwards have hit the woodwork so often in recent weeks. Swedish international goalkeeper Ronnie Hellström decided to measure the goals and it was discovered one crossbar was two inches too low!

THE 70-year-old Bishop of Strasbourg recently saw his first French League game, the 4-1 win over Bastia by Racing. He thoroughly enjoyed the experience... "The singing was even louder and better than in our cathedral," he said.

Tarantini's revelations

ALBERTO Tarantini, who we told you first wanted to leave Birmingham City, is now safely back home in Argentina. Alberto had a habit of telling the British Press one thing, and the Argentine Press another. For instance, he told *El Gráfico* magazine: "I would have left at Christmas. It was all set up, but Trevor Francis was sold and the need for cash wasn't so urgent."

And... "There was a clause in my contract which said I wouldn't play in Division Two."

We'll bring you more revelations from Tarantini in the not too distant future.

NEWS FLASHES

When the referee awarded a penalty to AC Milan in Turin, Torino fans rioted for ten minutes and the game had to be halted. Milan went on to win 3-0 to strengthen their position at the top of the Italian League.

Dope tests are to be introduced in Argentina as from the start of the National Championship later this year.

Given three days off by Cosmos, Franz Beckenbauer took Concorde from New York to Paris and a private jet from Paris to Munich at a cost of £2,500 to see his blonde girl friend Ingrid and persuade her to have a holiday in New York. That's what I call style!

THOSE interested in buying French midfield player Michel Platini, 23, will, of course, be aware that in recent years the player has broken an arm twice, a leg on two occasions, suffered a twisted knee and has had a further knee operation.

HAS IT OR HASN'T IT?

IT'S still difficult to say whether soccer has taken off overall in the United States. For instance, the Cosmos versus Fort Lauderdale Strikers clash was watched by an incredible 72,342 fans (an NASL record). Cosmos won 3-2 and Dutch international Wim Rijsbergen was ejected (as the Americans say) for thumping George Best; Brazilian star Francisco Marinho scored a hat-trick.

On the other hand, down in Houston, only 653 supporters saw the home side beat New England Tea Men 3-0. Six hundred and fifty three... makes you think, doesn't it?

Yet Houston were the most successful side in the NASL so far, having won their first five matches, scoring 14 goals in the process.

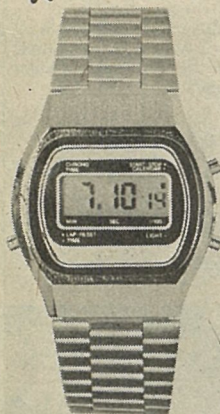
So if the most successful club can only attract 653 fans...

The modern stadium of Brasilia, capital of Brazil, is on sale for £500,000. It has a capacity of 35,000 and the decision to sell was taken by city officials owing to... lack of interest in soccer.

Alexander Sevidov, manager coach of Moscow Dynamo, has been relieved of his duties for allegedly making some money on the side during the club's North American tour. This means the only manager of a Moscow club still in command since November is Spartak boss Konstantin Peskov.

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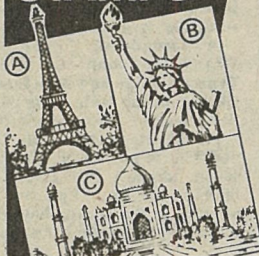
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PART TWO

Our week-by-week account of the

Week ending SEPTEMBER 16

HATTERS HIT SEVEN

TRANSFER speculation is again rife about injury-prone former England skipper Gerry Francis. First Division hot-shots Coventry (pushing Liverpool hard at the top of the table) are favourites to sign the Q.P.R. man, but again Manchester United look as if they'll also come back with another bid.

One move that does go through, though, is that of fine Liverpool veteran Ian Callaghan to join the growing band of former Kop favourites down at ambitious Swansea.

And, talking of Liverpool, their fans are soon asking "Who's Garry Birtles?"

It had been the worst of British luck that Liverpool and Forest had been paired to meet first-time-out in the European Cup — and one-time tile-layer Garry turns out to be the "unknown" who floors the Anfielders by scoring one goal, and laying on another, to give Forest a good-looking 2-0 home-leg lead.

And, now talking of Forest, Brian Clough again rips into his club's minority of foul-mouthed followers. "The sooner we make such people social outcasts the better" is the official Forest line — and it's nice to know principles still count in some places.

Despite the crowd-appeal of their classy Argentinian imports, there are signs of unrest in the Spurs' dressing-room. Hoddle wisely decides he's prepared to stay, but McNab asks for a move, and Duncan gets a £150,000 one to Derby.

Docherty's club, though, get double that outlay by allowing Gordon Lee to add Colin Todd to his star-studded Everton squad in their bid to out-do

their neighbours at Anfield.

Celtic are beaten 1-0 at Burnley in a nondescript Anglo-Scottish Cup-tie. Manager Billy McNeill describes some of the fans as "scum" after a riot in which railings are torn out — and used as "spears" to hurl at rival supporters.

As someone wryly put it: "Heaven knows what they would have done if it had been a game that mattered!"

A single Souness goal is enough to give Liverpool victory in their table-topping game with Coventry — while Luton hog other weekend headlines with seven goals at Cardiff's expense.

But the real Saturday shocks come at Stamford Bridge — and not just because a slick hat-trick from under-study Ron Futcher gives Manchester City a convincing 4-1 win.

Watched by England manager Ron Greenwood, Ray Wilkins and Peter Barnes — two of the brightest young stars in the squad to meet Denmark on Wednesday — are both sensationally substituted.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 7 — Luton.
TOTAL GOALS: 121 (average 2.95 per game).

HAT-TRICKS: 1 — Ron Futcher (Man. City at Chelsea).

TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Liverpool; Div 2, Palace; Div 3, Swansea; Div 4, Barnsley.

HIGHEST GATE: 53,039 (Man. Utd. v. Forest).

TOTAL GATE: 572,911.
AVERAGE GATE: 13,973.

CELTIC STUNNED

AFTER their excellent European campaigns in mid-week Rangers and Aberdeen meet at Ibrox. Rangers — only one down to Juventus in the European Cup — and Aberdeen — 3-2 down to Marek Dimitrov of Bulgaria in the Cup-Winners' Cup — are full of confidence.

Rangers take the lead after a hotly-disputed penalty as Johnstone is brought down in the box. A cool Alex Forsyth slots the ball past the 'keeper.

A strong wind is swirling around the Glasgow stadium and the players find it difficult to "weigh" their passes. But both teams keep trying to play football. Sullivan scores for Aberdeen in the last minute of the game and the honours are shared.

Hibs, fresh from their 3-2 win over Norrköping IFK of Sweden in the U.E.F.A. Cup, face Celtic at Parkhead. Ex-Celt Willie Temperley stuns his

former mates by grabbing the only goal of the game in the 26th minute. Celts are awarded a penalty in 53 minutes but Glavin's spot-kick hits a post.

St Mirren take the "sting" out of Thistle with a 1-0 win. Thistle had the ball in the net twice during the game but both times the ref ruled offside.

Hearts and Morton share the points at Tynecastle with a 1-1 draw and Dundee United drive Motherwell further down the table with their 1-0 win at Fir Park.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: 25,000 Rangers v Aberdeen)

PREM DIV TOTAL ATT: 64,000

TOTAL GOALS (3 Divs): 60

TABLE-TOPPERS: Celtic

HIGHEST SCORE: 6 — Dunfermline.

Week ending SEPTEMBER 23

KEEGAN INSPIRES ENGLAND

IT'S European week internationally, and England's Under-21 side kick-off with a useful, if not exactly inspiring, 2-1 win over Denmark in Copenhagen.

Next night is for the seniors — and Kevin Keegan inspires England to score four goals, two from himself, in that same lovely Danish city.

It's a fine display of attacking football — even if, perhaps a little worryingly, Denmark do hit back at our own defence by popping in three at the other end.

Also in England's European Championship Group, the two halves of the Emerald Isle share out the spoils in a goal-less draw in Dublin.

That leaves England and Eire topping the Group with a couple of points each, though the Irishmen needed one more game to get them.

The Argentinians are still coming — and Birmingham, currently propping up the First Division table, bag the latest available.

For £250,000, the Midlanders get the services of young World Cup defender Alberto Tarantini.

West Bromwich and Liverpool share the pickings at 1-1 in Saturday's top-of-the-table battle — but it's Sunderland who really provide the snatch of the day.

They lose two sent-off defenders — Mick Henderson and Joe Bolton — but a Rowell penalty still sees them run out 2-1 winners at Burnley to boost their promotion bid to get back to the First Division.

Also off goes Tommy Smith. The former Anfield "hard-man" gets his marching orders at Chester — where ambitious Swansea go down for the first time this season.

Both Merseyside giants are still unbeaten — and so are leaders Palace and Stoke in the Second Division.

So, too, are comparative League newcomers Wimbledon in the Fourth — where they are closely chased, 13 points to 14, by unfashionable Barnsley.

Former Leeds and England stalwart Allan Clarke is their new boss and, with promotion in mind in his first season, he's already proving himself as much a force to be reckoned with in his new role as player-manager as he ever was in scoring goals alone.

League Champions Forest can only manage a disappointing 2-2 home draw with struggling Middlesbrough — and, after only seven games already find themselves five points adrift from leaders Liverpool.

But Garry Birtles, destroyer of the Anfielders in that European Cup first-leg, hits another fine goal to provide more evidence that this young "unknown" won't merit that description much longer.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 4 — Leicester; Watford.
TOTAL GOALS: 105 (average 2.39 per game).

HAT-TRICKS: 1 — Binney (Plymouth at Sheffield Wed.).

TABLE-TOPPERS: Div. 1, Liverpool; Div. 2, Palace; Div. 3, Watford; Div. 4, Wimbledon.

HIGHEST GATE: 45,393 (Arsenal v. Man. Utd.).

TOTAL GATE: 576,843.
AVERAGE GATE: 13,110.

WORLD CUP HANGOVER

THE Scottish national side still suffering from a World Cup hangover go down 3-2 to Austria at the Prater Stadium in Vienna. But after being three goals behind the Scots fought back to restore some of their battered pride.

Hibs, who had scored only three goals in the Premier, almost doubled that figure when they beat Aberdeen 2-1 at Easter Road. Rae and MacLeod score for Hibs while Jarvie heads home for The Dons.

A second-half Robertson goal gave Hearts the points at Motherwell. The Tynecastle side now have four points on the Championship table while the 'Well are not doing well at all and are bottom with two.

At the other end of the Division Celtic and Thistle meet at Firhill. Celtic score in seven minutes. But Thistle go in at the interval 2-1 up. Then two goals in two minutes in the second-half give Celtic victory. Aitken opened the scoring, Melrose

and Somner replied for The Jags before Lynch and MacDonald settled it for the Parkhead team.

Morton and Rangers have a tremendous battle at Cappielow. Ritchie gives Morton the half-time lead. Parlant pulls Rangers level. Smith then puts them ahead. Then ex-Ranger Scott equalises for Morton in the 72nd minute.

St. Mirren find themselves still without a Premier Division win over Dundee United. The Tannadice side travel through to Paisley and lift the points with a 3-1 win.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: 17,000 (Partick Thistle v. Celtic).

PREM. DIV. TOTAL ATT: 58,000.

TOTAL GOALS (3 Divs.): 55.

TABLE-TOPPERS: Celtic.

HIGHEST SCORE: (4) — Raith Rovers.



Bolton signed Neil McNab (far left) from Spurs. Hibs' Willie Temperley (left) scored the winner v. Celtic at Parkhead.

Kevin Keegan (above) dives to score for England against Denmark during their 4-3 European Championship win. Scotland's Kenny Dalglish (right) tries a shot v. Austria. The Scots lost 3-2.



1978-79 season in England and Scotland

Week ending SEPTEMBER 30

FOREST MARCH ON IN EUROPE

EURO week for the clubs again — and the bad-luck-of-the-draw tragedy that one of England's two representatives in the Champions Cup has to be sent packing.

With Forest already 2-0 up from their home leg, Clough is still realistic enough to admit "Liverpool are quite capable of pulling three back at Anfield."

They don't, though, and Liverpool's hopes of a three-in-a-row Cup success lie in tatters as Forest force a very creditable goal-less draw — with that earlier two-goal advantage left intact.

As Bob Paisley sportingly sums it up: "They earned it ... so good luck to them."

All told, it's a good week for England's Euro-minded clubs — with Ipswich, Arsenal, Everton, Manchester City, and West Bromwich all passing safely through to the next stage.

Not many people have been filling that magnificent Hilton Hotel of a stand at Chelsea this season — but nearly 40,000 turn up there for just a friendly.

But star-studded New York Cosmos are the opposition, and the man they've mainly paid to see — a rather special Dutch guest named Cruyff — wows 'em with a glittering display in a 1-1 draw.

The crowning touch of a goal would have been nice — but, instead, it's former Manchester City ace Dennis Tueart who gets the cosmopolitan Cosmos' goal.

After losing their fourth home League game out of four on the Saturday, Chelsea say they'd like Cruyff to join them. (Who wouldn't, come to that?) But, alas for the troubled Londoners,

Johan politely turns a deaf ear.

Liverpool may be smarting at getting pushed out of Europe first-go — even if the blow to their pride is softened just a teeny bit by going down to fellow-countrymen — but they're not letting it affect their League form.

A sparkling Jimmy Case hat-trick shatters Bolton to open up that gap at the top of the table.

After an earlier rush, the transfer market goes a bit quiet — at least, as far as top-money moves go.

Rumours abound, though — there's even one story that Liverpool are making inquiries about getting a certain K.K. back from Hamburg — but rumours don't cost cash ... and also help sell newspapers!

Of course, talking of Liverpool ... there's also their Euro conquerors, Forest. By winning 2-1 at Villa, Clough's bonny boys extend their unbeaten sequence in the League to equal Leeds' record of 34 games — a truly magnificent run.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 5 — Brighton.
TOTAL GOALS: 111 (average 2.64 per game).
HAT-TRICKS: 1 — Case (Liverpool v. Bolton).
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Liverpool; Div 2, Stoke; Div 3, Shrewsbury; Div 4, Wimbledon.
HIGHEST GATE: 55,317 (Man. Utd. v. Man. City).
TOTAL GATE: 538,446.
AVERAGE GATE: 12,820.

ALLY MacLEOD QUILTS

MAGNIFICENT Rangers, in what must be one of their finest performances, outplay and out-think Juventus at Ibrox in the European Cup. A goal in each half, one from MacDonald and one from Smith, has the Rangers fans singing and dancing on the terracing.

Manager John Greig, who can only speak in a whisper, says: "It was a great result."

"The whole of Europe will now sit up and take notice of this, and that will make me happy because it is one of my ambitions as manager to see that Rangers are once again feared by every side on the Continent."

Rangers go through 2-1 on aggregate. Ally MacLeod quits as Scotland's manager and returns to manage First Division Ayr United.

On the Saturday, Rangers' "rejuvenated" by their mid-week win, hit

the goal trail again. They chase away their League "blues" with a 4-1 win over Motherwell. Celtic win 2-1 against St Mirren, and Dundee United beat Hearts 3-1 at home.

Thistle hold Aberdeen to a 1-1 draw at Pittodrie and Hibs and Morton share the same result at Easter Road.

Ayr playing their second game since Ally MacLeod took over from Alex Stuart, notch up their second win.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: 25,000 (Rangers v. Motherwell).
PREM DIV TOTAL ATT: 70,000.
TOTAL GOALS (3 DIVS): 64.
TABLE TOPPERS: Celtic.
HIGHEST SCORE: 5 — Raith Rovers, Berwick.

Week ending OCTOBER 7

BLISSETT BEATS UNITED

BACK comes the midweek League Cup — and, though there aren't quite as many crazy results as in earlier rounds, there's certainly one odd score.

There are nine stirring goals at Chesterfield, and no one complains about that — even though doubtless the home fans would rather that 5-4 nail-biter had eventually gone their way instead of Charlton's!

Of course, anyone outside Watford might suggest it was a crazy result for the Third Divisioners to go up to Old Trafford — and triumphantly travel back 2-1 winners.

But two more stunning goals from black "wonder-boy" Luther Blissett deservedly sink embarrassed United. And, on the same night, Bolton are well ditched by another Third Division side in Exeter.

It's tough on Leeds, who seem to specialise in "short-term" managers. Remember, back in 1974, how Cloughie lasted only 44 days?

Now, after another 44 days, new manager Jock Stein leaves to take up the Scotland job many thought should have been his long before.

So once again the Elland Roaders, with managerial problems of one sort or another ever since Revie departed, have to start all over again.

But, while Leeds have new difficulties in looking for one manager, it seems Chelsea are considering having two on their books.

Although Ken Shellito is still nominally in charge, there are bold moves to entice crack Yugoslav boss Miljan Miljanic to give first-aid to their struggling side.

But a club without a manager at all are Blackburn. After only six months, Jim Iley is fired — parting company in a hurry with the understandably philosophical remark: "I suppose that's football, isn't it?"

As Eric Morecambe might say, there's no answer to that!

The Norwich style of play doesn't make it easy to get goals against them — but Liverpool mark up a shattering 4-1 away win at Carrow Road to give them a healthy early three-point lead at the top of the table.

They're helped by the second and third clubs, Everton and Coventry, both unexpectedly dropping a home point which should have been theirs for the taking.

33,685 see two former Spurs team-mates, and now a couple of England's brightest young managers — Terry Venables and Alan Mullery — playing a cracking top-of-the-table Second Division battle in which Palace beat Brighton 3-1.

Sadly, though, the unacceptable face of soccer again rears its ugly head when more than 1,000 police — using dogs, horses, and a helicopter — have to be in action at and around Upton Park to curtail the threatened gang-warfare between some of London's rival dockland "supporters".

On the pitch itself, 22 rather more intelligent and civilised young men do battle in the true sporting way — and a "Pop" Robson hat-trick against neighbours Millwall helps West Ham's determined bid to get back to Division One.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 6 — Crewe.
TOTAL GOALS: 115 (average 2.61 per game).
HAT-TRICKS: 2 — Randall (Bristol Rovers v. Blackburn); Robson (West Ham v. Millwall).
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Liverpool; Div 2, Palace; Div 3, Shrewsbury; Div 4, Wimbledon.
HIGHEST GATE: 45,402 (Man. Utd. v. Middlesbrough).
TOTAL GATE: 569,791.
AVERAGE GATE: 12,950.

SAINTS CAUGHT COLD

CELTIC travel up to Aberdeen and are thrashed 4-1. The game explodes into action. In the first eight minutes the crowd of around 24,000 see a goal disallowed, two players booked, and four others receive treatment.

Goals by Archibald, Harper and Jarvie put The Dons three ahead. McAdam reduces the leeway just before the interval. But a second-half goal by Archibald kills off any Celtic hopes.

Only a late goal from MacDonald in the 81st minute saves Rangers at Ibrox against Dundee United. The visitors silence the terracing in the 20th minute. Narey takes the ball from Forsyth and slips a great through pass to Kirkwood. He nets with a great shot on the run.

In an exciting match at Fir Park, Motherwell go down by the odd goal in five to

Hibs. The Easter Road outfit take the points with their 3-2 win.

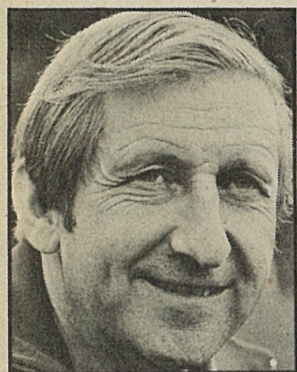
St. Mirren, in their first trip to Tynecastle on Premier Division business, are caught cold by a Gibson goal in 12 minutes. But Fitzpatrick puts Saints back in the picture early in the second-half.

Morton boss Benny Rooney sees his team score the only goal of the game when they meet Thistle at Cappielow Park.

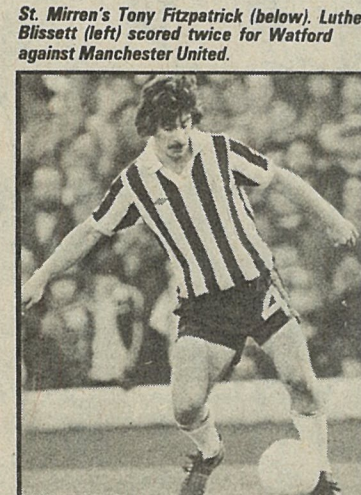
★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: 27,000 (Rangers v. Dundee Utd.).
PREM DIV TOTAL ATT: 74,500
TOTAL GOALS: 76.
TABLE TOPPERS: Celtic.
HIGHEST SCORE: (6) Falkirk.

St. Mirren's Tony Fitzpatrick (below). Luther Blissett (left) scored twice for Watford against Manchester United.



Ally MacLeod (above) resigned as boss of Scotland to take over Ayr United. Action (right) from the Nottingham Forest (light strip) win over Liverpool in the European Cup First Round.





YOU ARE THE REF

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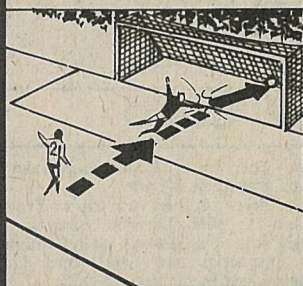
1 A defender, standing in his own penalty-area, kicks an opponent in the back when play is in the other penalty area. Should you award: (a) a drop ball, (b) indirect free-kick or (c) a penalty?



2 Should you allow a player to have studs changed by his trainer when play is in progress and without leaving the pitch?



3 Taking an indirect free-kick inside his own penalty-area a defender passes the ball back to his goalkeeper who misjudges it and fists it into his goal. Should you award: (a) a goal, (b) indirect free kick, or (c) re-take the kick?



4 This throw-in is perfect but can a thrower take a throw-in and not face the pitch?



5 A player being cautioned by the referee deliberately picks up the ball and kicks it over the stand. Should you: (a) warn him after the first caution, (b) issue a second caution or (c) send him off?



ANSWERS

1. A penalty (c). 2. No. 3. Re-take the kick (c). 4. No. 5. Send him off (c). I dismissed a player from a European Cup match for a similar offence, even though I had not cautioned him earlier.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time



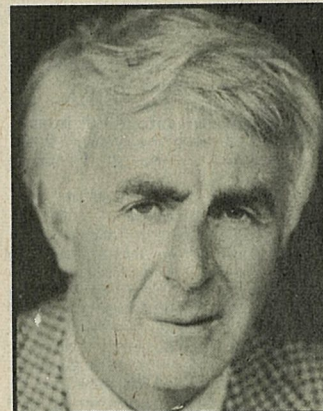
1. The U.E.F.A. Cup Final first-leg between Red Star Belgrade and Borussia Monchengladbach finished 0-0, 1-1 or 2-2?

2. Can you name the referee who retired after the Bolton Wanderers v. Spurs First Division game at Burnden Park?

3. After their 3-1 win against Manchester City at the City Ground, Nottingham Forest notched up a notable achievement . . . what?

4. Ian St. John quit as coach of which Third Division club recently to concentrate on his work in television?

5. Alfie Conn (below) was linked to which Football League club after being given a free transfer by Celtic?



6. Liverpool beat Aston Villa at Anfield on May 8th to clinch the League Championship for the 11th time. Did Terry McDermott, Kenny Dalglish or Alan Kennedy score the opening goal?

7. Brentford manager Bill Dodgin (above) turned down the chance to join which London club as coach?

8. Which Crystal Palace youngster was named in Mike Smith's Welsh squad for the British Championship?

9. St. Mirren's Frank McGarvey was recently transferred to which English First Division club for around £300,000?

10. Can you name the manager of a London First Division club who was sacked on May 10th?



F.A. CUP FINALS
The English and Scottish F.A. Cup Finals were played on May 12th. Can you answer the following questions about the games?

11. Arsenal beat Manchester United 3-2. Who scored the London club's goals?

12. What was the half-time score?

13. Who refereed the match?

14. Hibernian drew with Cup holders Rangers 0-0, 1-1, or 2-2 at Hampden Park?

15. Where was the replay held?

ANSWERS

1. 1-1. 2. Roger Kirkpatrick. 3. Two seasons unbeaten at home in the First Division. 4. Sheffield Wednesday. 5. Derby County. 6. Peter Kennedy. 7. Chelsea. 8. Peter Nicholas. 9. Liverpool. 10. Steve Burtenshaw of Q.P.R. 11. Brian Talbot, Frank Stapleton, Alan Sunderland. 12. 2-0 to Arsenal. 13. Ron Challis. 14. 0-0. 15. Hampden Park.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Langan. (4) Song. (7) Ref. (8) Victoria. (12) Homes. (13) Via. (15) Ice. (16) Inn. (17) Palace. (20) Cat. (21) Oils. (22) Naval. (25) Or. (26) Hatter. (29) Sty. (30) Tiara. (31) Sporting. (32) Loan. (33) End.
DOWN:— (1) Liverpool. (2) Nicholl. (3) Atomic. (4) Sea. (5) Of. (6) Go. (7) Rise. (9) To. (10) Recent. (11) Final. (13) Vicarage. (14) Ant. (18) Air. (19) Ashton. (23) Attic. (24) Vein. (27) Ayr. (28) Land. (29) Spa. (31) So.
Jumbled Name: MARTIN PATCHING.

REJECT 'DAVO' BACK IN FAVOUR



EYEBROWS shot skywards among Celtic fans when the news broke the club had signed Vic Davidson from Blackpool for £30,000.

The same Parkhead club had freed the player only four years beforehand when they allowed him to go to Motherwell. Davidson picked up the shattered remains of his career and went about trying to prove the then manager, Jock Stein, too hasty in thinking his best days were behind him.

He moved to Blackpool for £30,000 last season and admits: "I quite enjoyed myself at Bloomfield Road and, in fact, was preparing for a match against Brentford on the Friday night when I received a call saying Celtic had made a bid for me.

"I was astonished, utterly amazed. I didn't even have to think about uprooting myself and my family. There was no argument. I was going back to Celtic as soon as I possibly could.

"Do you know I didn't even read the contract I was offered by Celtic? I was in such a rush to sign, the details didn't bother me. I just wanted to be a Celtic player again. I wanted the opportunity to show I was good enough to be a success with them.

"To say I was delighted to go back is the understatement of all time. I raced back to Glasgow with assistant-manager John Clark and managed only three hours sleep before making my second debut for the club against Hibs at Easter Road.

"Alas, we lost 2-1, but it couldn't dim my joy of wearing the famous green and white hoops again."

Davidson had more to smile about in his next match which was, ironically, against his other former club Motherwell at Fir Park. He played competently through-

out, combining well with skipper Danny McGrain and scored a goal in Celtic's 4-3 victory.

"I'm looking forward to my new career," says Davidson. "I've got a lot to prove. In my first spell with the club, after signing in '67, I was in and out of the team without getting an extended run.

"I didn't win a single major honour with the club. Imagine being with Celtic for almost a decade and winning nothing. That must be some sort of a record!

"Would you believe I never played in more than four successive first team games? I played in a lot of Semi-Finals, but when the big day arrived, the Cup Final, I was always left out. It was frustrating."

Davidson, who has always admitted to being Celtic-daft, took his skills to Motherwell and Celtic must have started to realise they might have made a mistake in releasing him when he turned it on against them.

Two years ago he scored one of the most memorable goals of the season against Celtic at Parkhead. He picked up a loose ball in the middle of the park, drifted past a couple of tackles and then unleashed a mighty, swerving shot high past the desperately diving Peter Latchford.

Celtic fans, in their frustration, turned against the player who had once promised to be even better than Kenny Dalglish. Chants of "Davidson's A Reject" were heard when he lined-up against Celtic.

"It's all part and parcel of the game," he says. "I don't take these things personally. The fans pay their cash and are entitled to say what they like. Anyway it's better than being ignored."

Davidson, 27, has skill. He has class. And he has determination.

THE failure who made good. That's the title that can be given to Dundee United's cultured and stylish centre-back Paul Hegarty, who recently won the Scottish Player of the Year award from his fellow professionals.

It was not that long ago when his career seemed to be in jeopardy. He had signed for Dundee United for £40,000 from Hamilton, but had hardly set the Tannadice fans alight with his displays.

Hegarty had joined United as a forward. He had gone to Tannadice with glowing reports and Leeds United, then managed by the astute Don Revie, were just too late in their bid to take the player to Elland Road.

The flow of goals halted for Hegarty and he failed to become a permanent first team fixture.

Then the boss Jim McLean tried me at the back," says Hegarty. "Things started to happen after that."

Hegarty, modest and courteous, can say that again! From being a cumbersome forward, who sometimes looked as though he was wearing leaden shoes when he tried to turn, he changed into a dominant centre-back.

He became an excellent reader of play, a master of the interception and an expert in the air. Suddenly the £40,000 forward flop became a mature, capable defender any team would be proud to possess.

to either Parkhead or Ibrox.

While Hegarty was picking up his award, his team-mate Raymond Stewart, one of the most promising defenders in Scotland, was selected Young Player of the Year.

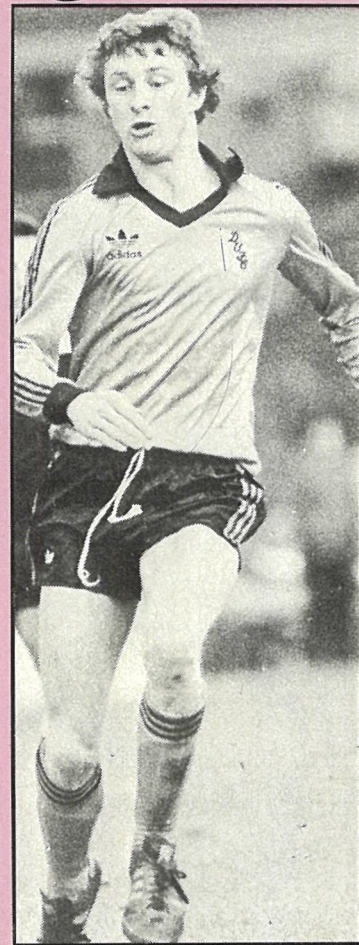
Praise must be given to Tannadice manager Jim McLean. He had enough faith in his talented youngsters to give them their big chance in the top team. He hasn't been afraid to introduce fresh, exciting talent and his timing in doing so has been superb although sometimes he must wonder if it is all worth it when you look at some of the poor attendances his side gets whenever they play.

When United were leading the Premier Division they faced Partick Thistle at Firhill, played superbly and won 2-1, while only a pitiful 3,300 fans looked on. A Scottish Junior Cup game played in Glasgow around the same time attracted almost double that total!

McLean is a realist and a perfectionist. Surely even he permitted himself a rare smile of pleasure when he heard the news about Paul Hegarty and Raymond Stewart being honoured.

And, more importantly, surely now the missing Dundee United fans will realise they have quality players in a quality team that deserves their support.

'Flop' Hegarty woos 'em at United



"I enjoy playing in the middle of the defence," says Hegarty. "I wish I had made the move years ago. I must admit, though, I am helped by some of the best players in the country at Tannadice.

"David Narey is a great player to have beside you. He is so calm and poised. A wonderful professional. There are a lot of other players, too, who deserve praise as well as the gaffer, Mr. McLean, of course."

The quietly-spoken Hegarty sees his well-merited honour not just as one for himself on a personal basis, but one for all his team-mates and Dundee United, in particular.

It's great to see a player of Hegarty's outstanding ability getting recognition. So often players from outside Glasgow are forgotten and most of the honours, plaudits and awards find their way



Two of Britain's top
midfield players in
international combat . . .
Graeme Souness
(Scotland, dark shirt) and
Trevor Brooking
(England).

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